OLD ROADS OF BOXFORD
1652 - 1855

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See also old Boxford Assessor's Books at Town Hall; Perley's "History of Boxford" and "Dwellings of Boxford". Also old deeds at Registry of Deeds, Salem, Mass. County Road information may be had at County Engineer's Office in Salem, Mass.

The above Copy of old Boxford Roads was made by
Mr. John W. Parkhurst, Town Clerk 1893-1944

A map of old Boxford Roads has been marked showing courses of old roads, discontinued roads, changes in course, and existing ones by Miss. Winnifrid C. Parkhurst with assistance of Mr. Parkhurst. Much further study will be needed, but the notes on locations are according to the best knowledge of the writers up to 1938.

165? IPSWICH ROAD

First road ever laid out in Boxford. See Perley's History of Boxford, Pages 93-94.

"In 165?, for the convenience of Andover, Ipswich, and the other towns mentioned, the General Court ordered that a highway should be laid out from Ipswich to Andover, and from Andover to Newbury, passing over the Village lands.
The following spring, Richard Barker of Andover, Thomas Hale of Newbury, James Noe of Ipswich, and John Pickard of Rowley, the committee appointed for the work, laid out the road from Andover to Ipswich, as follows:-

"Beginninge at the south end of Andevour, contynuing it in the cart way neere halfe a mile unto a hill at the foot of the hill called Bare Hill, as it is marked with trees, then comings into the beaten way which leadeth over a playne belonginge to Rowley, so leading on the southwest of a pond called Fivemile Pond & then contynuinge the cartway unto a pond, a pond called Mr. Bakers Pond leaving the pond on the south & so passinge over a little strip of meadow, & so on the cart way to Mr. Winthrops playne, & so still the cartway on the south side of Capt. Turners Hill & from thence the beaten way to Ipswich." (Ipswich Rd.)

The road from Andover to Rowley and Newbury (mentioned in the above order) continues in the "Old Andover Road" within "half a mile of Five Mile Pond" then "goinge in the beaten way of the south side of the Bald Hills & Contynuinge the beaten way untill it come to the uppermost Falls River, then by marked trees" &c.

This is the highway that leads from Mrs. J. L. Foster's residence, past Mr. Daisy's (Doocy's) house, and over Spofford's hill in Georgetown. Boxford was at this time an almost untraversed forest, Mr. Reddington's being probably the only family that lived here." (Highland Rd.)

The above was taken from Perley's History of Boxford.

See Page 36 for Proprietor's Records.

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County Road.

Course from Andover to Ipswich. Probably began corner of Dale St., Appleton St. and Marbleridge Rd. in North Andover.

Bare Hill probably near North Andover Town Farm on Dale St., North Andover.

John Eames lived on hill in the pasture east of the Foster-Lewis place on the North Andover - Boxford line. On south side of road. Old cellar hole. See page 18.

Job Tyler's house in north east corner of field south of Ipswich Road near Robert Cunningham's house. (It may have been farther west of the corner.) See page 8.

Joseph Tyler at the Charles Pinkham, 2d. place.
Sargeant Chadwick at corner Mt. Vernon Rd. near Avard Lyons' place according to Mr. E. E. Pearl.
John Kimball's house near site of Fred Shaw's house.
Jonathan Tyler's house may have been opposite the Robinson camp or near Rotary Camp grounds. It was farther down the road than John Kimball's.
Parsonage Farm, lay from Herrick Rd. nearly down to Raymond Perley's land, or opposite Baldpate Road.
John Wood's was probably Raymond Perley place.
Clerk Hale's land in region opposite Harmony Cemetery.
Chapman Lane on Hale's land.
Hale's house probably Audrey Shaw's place.
Lt. Thomas Perley's house was on the site of the great elm on lawn of Joseph Perkin's in Howe Village. Did Ensign Thos. Perley live there? If they lived in the same house why were both mentioned? Maybe, because both were prominent in town.
Mr. Baker's Pond now Hood's Pond.
Witch Hollow beyond Stetson's Pond on left, + right going toward West Boxford.
"Mr. Winthrop's Playne" probably is plain at Linebrook, Ipswich. Plains Road leads off at right of Linebrook Rd. before reaching the Church.

Changes in course of Ipswich Road.

In 1900s the road was changed from the south side or front of Stetson-Kelley house (above Herrick Road near Stetson Pond) to the present course. Five Mile Pond now Stetson's Pond.
Now called Spofford Pond.
Road was also Straightened in front of North Bennett St. Industrial School Camp. Used to go near house or in the present driveway.

Beyond Highland St. going toward West Boxford, the road east of the Jonathan Foster-Bodwell-Stecker house curved more to the north and has been straightened somewhat.

In 1900s road in front of old Hale-Perkin's house in Howe Village was straightened and layed out farther south away from the houses. See page 4 in "Dwellings of Boxford" for picture.

Beyond Stetson's Pond the old road used to go over the hill at left by the Town Tool House and come out near gate of Rotary Camp. Straightened to present course, sometime in the 1900s.

About 1953 Ipswich Road closed from Killam-Parkhurst house across the new Route 95 By Pass, making Ipswich Road from cor. of Depot Road "dead end". New road layed out from cor. Ipswich Rd. and Pond Road to Route 97 near approach to Route 95 By-Pass, called Service Road.

The following the record of the laying-out of this highway as recorded in Essex Registry of Deeds at Salem, Vol. VI, Folio 305, Ipswich records:-

Page 54 Perley's History of Boxford.

"A return of the highway from Topsfield to Haverell fferry.
"Wee whose names are under written being chosen by (the) respective Townes of Rowley, Topsfield (and) Rowley Village by merrimack To lay out a country highway betwixt Topsfield and merrimack River, we have agreed & determyned, That from Topsfield meeting house, along under the North East Syde of the Hill called bare Hill, along as the trees are marked, over the brooke by Ephraim Dormans House, and so along the plaine, called the Pine plaine, Trees being marked, to the end of Baker's Pond, and over the brooke at the pond end, by William Pritchetts house as the trees are marked, unto the highway yt comes betweno Andover and Ipswich and so along that Highway, untill we come near unto a pond called) ye five mile pond, and then turneing of to the right hand, as the trees are marked, untill come to the brooke called Haselltines brooke, where they of Rowley Village, have made a bridge over it, neare the lower end of Robert Haselltines meadow & soe along, as the highway now goeth to A place commonly called the aptake, and at the top of that Hill leaveing the high way, that now is A little on the left hand, and soe as the trees are marked, to Johnsons Brooke, and over the brooke untill it meet with the high way againe, as trees are marked, and so along that high way to Robert Haselltines, corner of his barne yard, and as the trees are marked on both sydes of the way, to Thomas Kimballs and so along the highway to the fferry place, by Merrimack River. This is our final Determination. This 16th of march 1668 or (69)

Samuel Brocklebank
John Gould
Joseph Pike

Ezekiel Northend
Thomas Baker
John Griffing."

Course of road from Topsfield to Haverhill Ferry by Merrimack River. March 16, 1668/9
Rte 97; Ipswich Rd.; Spofford Rd; Pine Plain Rd; Uptack Rd. etc.

Rte 97 from Topsfield meeting house then in south corner of Pine Grove Cemetery, along northeast side of Bare Hill; along Rte 97 over Gallup's Brook, to near Hood's Pond (formerly Mr. Baker's Pond); then turning right along course of present Pond Rd. in Topsfield by the Pond, coming out to Ipswich Rd.; then course of Ipswich Rd. to Spofford Rd. with exception of changes made through the years as described on page 1a. Then along Spofford Rd. east of Stetson's Pond, past houses of the Adames, Stolzners, and Jerome Cross; across Willow Rd.; along Pine Plain Rd. in Boxford; over Haseltine Brook near the lower end of Robert Haseltine's Meadow on Pine Plain and Uptack Rds. (After Groveland-Boxford line was moved in this vicinity, Uptack Rd. was in

Groveland, which was formerly Bradford.)
Thence along Uptack Rd . to Washington St. in Groveland by Johnson's Pond; over brook, to Parker's Corner in South Groveland. Thence on Main St. it is thought by the site of Thomas Kimball's house where he was killed by the Indians, on the Groveland end of Lake Shore Rd; thence westerly on Lake Shore Rd. nearly to Brook that flows from Chadwick Pond to Johnsons Pond ; then turning right and out through field and woods to Old Boxford Rd. (in Bradford), to Salem St. in Bradford; thence westerly on Salem St. to Main St. and along Main St. northerly to Ferry Street, and then to foot of the street at the Merrimack River

Ephraim Dorman lived near the Gallup's Brook in Topsfield, on S. G. side. It is believed William Pritchett lived near Hood's Pond on Pond St.

Mr. Parkhurst has been told about Thomas Kimball and route of road but believes the following information from Mrs. Mitchell is correct.

On Oct. 22, 1956 Mrs. George Mitchell (Ethel Cammett) widow of Atty Mitchell of Haverhill, Mass. who lives in Groveland, Mass. told W. C. Parkhurst that Thomas Kimball of Bradford was killed by the Indians in the field near his home, The site of his home is north of the old Marble Homestead down the hill back of the old Spofford house now owned by Mr. Hurd Marble, 1/2 mile east of Chadwick's Pond in Bradford, Mass. Mr. George Nelson now occupies the old Marble house near the Kimball site.

Mrs. Mitchell is a descendant of some of these old families and it has come down in the family that this was the location and not on Lake Shore Road between South Groveland and Johnson Pond as some have thought and told the writers.

It seems reasonable that Mrs. Mitchell's site is correct as there is now an old road or path leading from Lake Shore Road almost on the Groveland -Boxford line to the old Marble farm where traces of an old house or buildings of Thomas Kimball can be seen to-day. Then the old road must have followed the present land out from the George Nelson house to main road near corner of Mr. Hurd Marble's old salt-box house. Then it must have followed about the present course of the road to old Boxford Rd. in Bradford coming onto Salem St., Bradford, opposite the first Bradford Cemetery.

J.W.P. and W.C.P. drove to the "site" with Mr. Hurd Marble, the fall of 1956 and feel almost convinced it was the place where Thomas Kimball lived and was killed near his well. (The Hurd Marble house, formerly the Spofford house, burned the spring of 1959).

(See War Map, So. Groveland Quadrangle, Edition 1944).

Page 1 Copy of Town Record Book

The following was copied from the copy of the old Town meeting record from 1685 to 1741, even this copy is so badly torn, it is impossible to make out the whole of the matter, but I am putting in some words given in Perley's History which no doubt were on the record when he copied it off previous to 1880. *(John W. Parkhurst, Town Clerk)

Perley's History

At a Lawful Town meeting held in Boxford the ------- of the Town of Boxford it was then agreed on and voted, ,---------out a Highway from Andover bounds to Topsfield along (by Joseph Kirby's house.) (Foster Street, Main Street and old road to Topsfield) See Proprietor's Record , page 30.

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and also, another way from Zacheus Curtice's this above said Highway or road way along by the (*Works) through Abel Langley's farm; also from Works (*along by) the south side of the plain and so to John Stiles and so into this abovesaid Highway, and so from---------

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it is also further agreed, that when the highway is to be laid through any mans land, that always such men or men shall have as much power in ordering where the way shall go as any one of the Committee, till it be gone through his land.

The way from Andover to Topsfield is to be an open way all along through the town; not to be incumbered with gates or bars.

(The Committee chosen to lay out these roads were (*Abraham Redington), Samuel Sy(*monds), (*Moses Tyler, son.) and John Peabody senior.)

1682

23d of November '80. The Committee above chosen to lay out highways, have, in order to their work, laid out a highway from Maple meadow by John Peabody's house, and so along to Topsfield common land in Bare Hill plain, doing as little damage as may be- and it doth lay along in the old path to John Andrew's slough, and so as near- CONTINUED on Pg 4 -

Note

Bare Hill Plain was plain on Boxford -Topsfield line on Topsfield Rd.

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Highway from Andover(North Andover) bounds to Topsfield by Joseph Bixby's. Nov. 23, 1686. Open way, no bars.

See Page 36, Proprietor's Records . Also Perley's History, as old town records were torn.

Joseph Bixby (the first one) lived north of Howe's Mill Pond, off Mill Rd. Old cellar hole is nearly filled up. Path goes to Middleton Rd . through Miss Bertha Perley's Rea field north of Cole's Bridge.

Course of the road from North Andover-Boxford line on Foster St. was down past the Bolton place; *the Bremner-Spring-Atwood place which was Goodman Pickards; past Bishop Sherrill's; past the John Peabody place now Milton E. Lord's, to Jerry's Run east of W. P. Haynes' the former Stiles-Pearson farm; through Fred Hardy's field on the right, along the ridge as near the brook as possible; then across Middleton Rd. above Cole's Bridge; through Miss Bertha Perley's Rea field past site of Goodman Buswell's house and barn near elm tree, through gap in the wall and entering woods on east side of the field, through the woods by the old cellar hole of Joseph Bixby's house (also of the second Joseph); across Mill Road several hundred feet north of Chaplin's (Howe's Mill), east through Mrs. Abbie Symonds' woods to Spring Brook, over an old bridge ~~called Indian Bridge~~ near Fish Brook, back of the Dorman-Cahoon place. Then course of road was beyond the Gravel Pit or Boy scout Park to the Langley Farm now Robert Livermore's. (Langley may never have lived on the farm.) Then out to present Topsfield Rd. (Whether out by the present driveway or along ridge back of Livermore's and out bars east of Livermore's is not known for sure.) Then over "first slough " or swamp beyond Livermore's * and "second slough" before reaching the Shirley-Case-Mr. C. Abbott, Jr. place. (the second slough" now filled in to make new road over the Rte 1 By-Pass. Not sure of course through "sloughs". Then to Topsfield line on Bare Hill Plain which is the plain where the Walter James live near Boxford-Topsfield line.

* Course of road on Main St. was different then from Archer Bolton's Jr's house to Kimball's Pond (no pond there in 1686 as Cade's Brook, (the stream from Cedar Pond to Fish Brook) was dammed by the Kimball's to make a pond for Water-power for their Peg Mill, etc .)
The old road curved south east of the Bolton driveway and went east and south around a pond-hole and crossed the present Main St. at Maple Meadow (on right side of Main St. south of Bolton's); curved around hill back of the two Noyes' houses south by Edward K. Mortimer's house along the present Mortimer Road to Main St. at Kimball Pond.
Cold Water Meadow Swamp is believed to be the swamp between Alice Rigg's house and the corner of Main St. & Lawrence Rd.

* Livermore's is Camp Columbus in 1914.

The old road at W. P. Haynes' west driveway curved much nearer the house as seen by line of trees on front lawn, and was straightened to Frye's Corner about 1900 by the town when Mr. Lewis Kennedy Morse paid to have the road moved farther from the buildings of the Pearson place which he bought (now the W. P. Haynes property.)
No record has been found of discontinuance of the old road across the Hardy field south west of Frye's Corner.
John Peabody's house, in circle in front of Milton E. Lord barn.
Thomas Andrews' Barn about where Wm. G. Abbott, Jr's garage stands to-day.
1685-86 Course of Road way from Zacheus Curtice's (E. J. Holmes' barn) on Middleton Rd. (road now goes straight back of Holmes' house and barn and not in front of house. Mr. Holmes paid town to make road straight in 1940s.) was course of driveway to west end; across present Middleton Rd.; then northerly, crossing Fish Brook near the Iron Works which were north west of the present bridges on Lockwood Lane; up by the site of the old Frame Saw Mill northerly to Langley's or (Livermore's today): out to Topsfield. Old road still visible was road over which much timber was hauled to Frame's Mill from Topsfield Road.
See Dwellings of Boxford, 1st Curtis house ½ Mile west of present Curtis-Holmes place. Sign of site visible by large oaks. 1966.

Then Course of road from near "Iron Works" near Dunbar Lockwoods and Fish Brook was along Lockwood Lane to Middleton Rd. to John Stiles (house was nearer present Middleton Rd. then the Townsend or Connor house now is. Then to Andover-Topsfield Rd. which then crossed Middleton Rd. half way to Frye's Corner above Cole's Bridge at Fish Brook.

The hilly ground on the left hand as can conveniently be laid to the next slough, and then still by the hills to Thomas Andrews' Barn and so to Crane Brook along the old pathway to Topsfield land- this way is to be the open highway as is above mentioned.

* The Committee abovesaid laid out a way from good man Buswell's Barn, through goodman Redington's pasture to John Stiles Barn yard, and so along to the Works on the south side of the plain- and so along to Zacheus Curtis' Barn. (Middleton Rd.)

* also the Committee did likewise agree to lay out a way through Abel Langley's farm by the works to the main road way as above as little to the damage of the farm as may be yeilding to their conveniencyes much as may be. Abel Langley did solely consent that there should be a highway through his farm as is above expressed. (road from Robert Livermore's to Frame's or Andrew's Mill.)

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See page 36. Proprietor's Records. 1686.

Crane Brook, little brook near Leslie Ingalls' place. (May have been changed by new Rte 95 By Pass.) Rte 95 built in 1950's.

Part of Main Street and Topsfield Rds. 1696. 1698
Road by Joseph Kirby's (north of Howe's Pond) from Abel Langley's (Robert Livermore's) to Bishop Sherrill's or the Spring-Atwood place on Main Street.

Middleton Road - Nov. 23, 1686. (Middleton incorporated 1728.)
Goodman Buswell's Barn in Bertha Perley's field on left before coming to Cole's Bridge, going toward Middleton.
Goodman Redington's Pasture, was Gardner Starrett's land beyond Cole's Bridge.
John Stiles' Barnyard was Connor or Townsend place.
Iron Works near Cor. Middleton Rd. and Lockwood Lane,-plain where pine trees are set out.
* Zacheus Curtis' Barn, ~~site of Holmes' barn, made into house, where~~ Thomas Pegg lives. ~~Or was it~~ 1/4 mile west of present barn? See Pg. 3B.
Old Path thru Abel Langley's land (Livermore's) to Dunbar Lockwood's Pond. Path now visible and is path over which men used to haul timber to Frame's Mill (on Frame's now Lockwood's Pond. Earlier called Symonds' Pond. It was man-made probably by Symonds.)

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The 2nd day of March 1696/7, the Selectmen of Boxford which served in the year '96, have laid out a town Highway from their Training field place, to the north-west end of their town, beginning at the Training-field , and so along the path by Abraham Redington's field to the Widow Stiles new field, and so the path to cold water meadow swamp, and so over the swamp and along the path to Samuel Pickard's new field now in the possession of Jonathan and William Foster, and from the east end of that field, to the east end of Pickard's meadow pine swamp, and from thence on a northwest course on the south side of a great valley and swamp straight to Andover road, leading to Ipswich, not very far from Joseph Tyler's field and so along Andover road to Sargent Chadwick's corner of his field ; and from thence near young Moses Tyler's Barn, and so along the path to Nathaniell Peabody's House, and so into a way the proprietors of Mr. Nelsons great Farm have laid for their necessary use.

From the Training field to Thomas Peabody's House is six miles and a half to the best of our remembrance. (Main St.)

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Main St. from Training Field, Boxford Village, to north west end of town. (See pg. 5 b for W. P. Haynes' belief re course of road). The Training Field was the central field between Middleton Rd., Elm St. and Main St. now owned by the French and Welsh families. Course of the road was from west end of Elm St. or beginning of Main St. east of Frye's Cor., following the course of Main St. (before it was straightened by the house of W. P. Haynes in the early 1900s. (Old road was nearer the house as can be seen by line of trees on lawn.)

"New field" was probably land of W. P. Haynes,-not known where for sure.

To "Cold Water Meadow Swamp" (probably south of Alice Riggs' house on Main St.).

"Samuel Pickard's new field" may have been near the Peg Mill site near Kimball's Pond, or the field at the Berry-Archie Bolton place farther up the road. The Fosters probably had possession of the latter place then.

Course of road practically same course as Main St. to-day, from Rigg's to Kimball's Pond, then left along Mortimer Rd. past house of Edward K. Mortimer around the hill west of Alerson Noyes' place, crossing Main St. at foot of hill between Noyeses and Boltons, around the pond hole and coming out of Bolton's pasture to present Main St. below or southeast of Bolton's driveway. Paths are visible now. Then probably the road followed about present course along Main St. to Holgate's driveway; along the driveway to northwest cor. of Holgate house (as J. W. Parkhurst recalls old road used to go to Stiles Pond,) down a little hill 10 or 20 rods, and turned to the

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left by a wall (1955?) about 20 rods further, and turned sharp to the right; then for three quarters of a mile or a mile easterly out to the east end of "Pickard's Pine Meadow Swamp" which probably lay about east of the upper end of the pond, tho not sure. A large pine tree which stood nearer the pond was one of the original bounds Known as "Pickard's Pine" according to the late Edward E. Pearl. Thence the road went on a northwest course on the south side of a great valley and swamp straight to Andover road, leading to Ipswich." "Not very far from Joseph Tyler's field." (Where was the field?) By the 1942 Topographical Map, note the path between two hills running due northwest from Stiles Pond and then straight north out thru Charles Pinkham 2d's driveway, east of the house or between house and barn. Whether the old road ran out this way, or out to Ipswich Road above Stetson's Pond, or through field s in front of Fred Shaw's place is a Question. What is the old road out to Ipswich Rd. east of the Hopping place?

Then present course of Ipswich Rd. to "Sgt. Chadwick's corner of his *field" (east of the Mt. Vernon Rd. at cor. of Ipswich Rd.) and along Mt. Vernon Rd. to the south side of Cemetery to Glendale Rd. to Main St.; thence near "young Moses Tyler's barn"(Pearl-Gaman place on Main St.), along through West Boxford Village, past monument on Main St., and following the Fowler-Sperry driveway over the hill past the rear door of Sperry house, coming out onto present Main St. just below the driveway to house of Prin. of Barker Free School (school closed for many years). Home owned by Mr. Barnell in 1973.

Then on present course past the pond-hole beyond Ruth Morin's along Main St. past exit of old road at left (to Washington St. near Nason's Shop) then part way up the hill, turning to right running in rear of Everett Ch adwick's house, over the brook "by the path to Nathaniel Peabody's", House". (He was brother to Capt. John and William Peabody and lived between Everett Chadwick's and the late John T. Chadwick's buildings) east of the present Main St., then across the field east of the late Chadwick's barn and west of J. Warren Chadwick's barns (on Lake Shore Rd.); along east of the George Carver house. (Thomas Peabody lived on Oak Ridge Rd.)

Then across the present fields east or back of the houses on the east side of present Main St. viz. Austin, Bolton and O'Neal and over the brook east of the present course of Main St. near path to Town Forest. Just where the 1697 road ended in this vicinity is not known. It may have stopped about where theBolton houses are, or it may have gone farther up the road.

Mr. Nelson farm included the territory west of Main St. in vicinity of Austin and George W. Chadwick farms probably (now the Bolton and Prevost land). In 1960s Rev. Downing Bentley owned the Chadwick place.

See "Boxford Chronicle," 1922, for what E. E. Pearl wrote

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Later the road to the Bradford line went farther up the road and turned west of present Main St. at top of slight rise in road before reaching Chadwick-Prevost place, went back of old barn (torn down recently) and house and about parallel to present road, across Barker Rd., along in front of present J. T. Chadwick, Jr. place (recently sold to Mr. Barrows), past old Perry house cellar-hole, past site of old Kimball houses to Bradford line, east of Mill Pond on land of Chadwick-Parkhurst property.

* according to the late E. E. Pearl "Sgt. Chadwick's field "was east of Mt. Vernon Rd.

Note.

Dr. Winthrop P. Haynes believes the road laid out from Training Field may have followed the course of the paths now in existence from Middleton Road(no Middleton Rd. then) by the large pine tree on north west side of Middleton Rd. opp. the house of Miss Laurinda Parkhurst, along through land of the Haynes, Lanes, Lords, Sherrills, coming out of the woods onto Main Street through land of Bishop Sherrill east of his buildings.
If this was the course it is not certain when Main Street from Mill Rd. to Frye's Corner was laid out. It will be interesting to give the course of the road from Training Field to northwest corner of the town.

Page 5. Re: Training Field and road to northwest end of town.

Add note-

THE TRAINING FIELD was the central field between Middleton Road (not in existence then) and Main Street, land now owned by the French and ~~Walsh families~~.

While the writers assumedthe road followed along the course of the present Main St. to Kimball's Pond,-

Dr. Winthrop P. Haynes believes the road laid out from the Training Field may have followed the course of the paths now in existence from Middleton Road by the large pine tree on northwest side of Middleton Road opposite the house of MissLaurinda Parkhurst (in 1962, the Turner's), along through land of the Haynes, Lanes, Lords coming out of the woods onto Main St. through land of Bishop Sherrill, east of his buildings.

If this was the course, it is not certain when Main St. from Mill Road to Frye's corner was laid out.

COLD WATER MEADOW SWAMP Where is Cold Water Meadow Swamp?
Is it near the Riggs' house or Bishop Sherrill's?
If road f om Training Field came from the Middleton Road back of Haynes out to Main St. near Bishop Sherrill's, maybe the swamp was in front of Sherrills.
A study of old deeds of these properties is needed.

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* The Selectmen of Boxford being met together on the 17th day of July 1700, have agreed that the Highway shall continue as it is voted for that end, from the road by William Foster's field, along to Rowley bound near to a hill called Tobacco-pipe hill; as witness our hands the Selectmen of Boxford ,

Joseph Bixby,
Joseph Peabody,
Joseph Andrews.

This is a true copy of what was given in to be recorded- As attest John Peabody Clerk for Boxford.

* We the Selectmen of Boxford being met together on the 9th day of September 1700 have agreed t hat a Highway shall lay and continue from the Meeting-house as straight as the ground will most conveniently admit of to the uper-end of the meadow that layeth a little way below the Widow Peabody's new mill, and so, over the brook to the bounds of the land between the Widow Peabody's land and Joseph Hale's land, and so along upon their bounds to Andover Highway, part upon the Widow Peabody's land, and part upon Joseph Hale's land- as witness our hands, the Selectmen of Boxford.

John Perley Joseph Bixby
Josiah Bridges Joseph Peabody
Joseph Andrews

(Chapman Lane)

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* Road from William Foster's field (where was the field, not sure) to Rowley line.
Road was thought to have gone across the field of Gerrit Forte by the old barn (torn down now) east of the present buildings across to Depot Rd. beyond Harry Trask's house in the hollow on Depot Rd., then along Depot Rd. swinging easterly beyond house of Norman Hoogerzeil's down hill past Melvin's house and by the old storehouse of Charles Chaplin, coming out at the foot of hill near corner of Depot and Bare Hill Rds. Then up the hill to Ipswich Rd. past the Killam-Parkhurst house to School St., to Killam Rd. or Rte 97, to Rowley Rd. to Tobacco-pipe hill near the Rowley Line to Rowley line. Rte 95 cut off at Killam-Parkhurst house, in 1955

If the old road started near cor. of Topsfield Rd. and Cross Rd. in that field, then the course may have been by Cross Rd., but it is believed Cross Rd. was laid out much later.

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* Chapman Lane from first Meeting House (n. e. cor. Village Cemetery) to Ipswich Road., through the woods along present course of Chapman Lane to upper end of meadow below Widow Peabody's new mill (upper end of Low's or Depot Pond which was a dammed-up meadow) coming out of Chapman Lane about by site of District # 3 Schoolhouse opposite Harmony Cemetery on Ipswich Rd . (to Andover).
Joseph Hale's land was the old Camp Ground now owned by Kelsey, Inc.

* Near Aldrich-MacDonald house in 1964.

54 The Selectmen of Boxford met together on the 17th of July, 1700.
We have agred that the Highway shall lay and continue for that use from Francis Elliot's house unto the Mill path as it is now improved, and as the trees are marked, and so on to Crooked-Pond Brook, and so on as the trees are marked, to the edge of the long plain-from thence straight over said plain unto the Fishing Brook a little above the pout-hole and so on to the road coming out of the fie ld by Timoth Dorman's barn, Said road to lay, one par t on said Dorman's land, and part on Joseph Peabody's land, and so on to the Meeting House as witness our hands, the Selectmen of Boxford.

John Perley
Joseph Bixby
Josiah Bridges
and Joseph Andrews

For part nulled see Page 21. This must have been a road that came across Fishing Brook back of John Dorman's-Cahoon's house and came out near Atkinson-Mattraw house. (J.W.Parkhurst)

Notes as on 1955 and 1962

Francis Elliot's house. The exact location of his house was not determined by the writers or by My. Cyrus Killam who thought he might have lived near hom on Endicott Rd., for there is an Elliot Cove in Ipswich River.

In 1955 the writers forgot that Middleton was a part of Boxford until 1728 and that some of the old roads ran into that section nor Middleton. Boxford gave Middleton the area bounded by a line from Fuller Rock (A large rock in Boston Brook which is junction of Boxford, North Andover and Middleton town lines) to Indian Bridge, a stone crossing-place of Indians over Ipswich River, south of Maple Street and west of Gregory Street on Indian Trail from Salem to Haverhill and then the area bounded on the east by Ipswich River, in other words area bounded on northwest by line from Fuller Rock to Indian Bridge and by Ipswich River on the east and south east.

Fuller Rock (near Mundy Bridge) stands up plainly when brook is low. Dec. 5, 1963 Mrs. Charles (Lura) Watkins, Middleton historian) took W.C.Parkhurst to see this bound and layout of some old roads.
Mrs. Watkins proved by some old deeds that Francis Elliot's house was on the northwest side of Maple St., and west of Liberty St in Middleton, then in Boxford, and that the old road to the Meeting House (she thinks) went by his house, along Mill Rd. then called Mill Path, across the upper side of what is now Curtis ' Mill Pond, across woods and fields back of the Curtis brothers' house to the Symonds-Henry Sawyer house to Crooked-Pond Brook and along the plain beyond Lockwood's Pond to Timothy Dorman's barn and so to the Meeting House in Boxford. This is probably correct.

When the mill pond is low at Curtis' Mill, to this day one can see evidence of an old path. There are numerous old roads or paths from the Henry Sawyer place to Bald Hill and to Curtis-Holmes place and it will be almost impossible to prove the layout or change in layouts in this neighborhood.

Notes continued from pg. 7 See note on page 32

The Elliots owned the territory west of Liberty St. so the old road to Andover was the one past his house and either up Liberty St to what is now North Andover past the Averill-Paul house on Forest St. in North Andover, or else up Essex St. to North Andover (Andover then). Many old deeds might prove more,

Francis Elliot's son was born in Boxford in 1717 before Middleton set off,

Hurd's History of Essex County says Francis Elliot lived west of the little cemetery in Middleton, but whether he meant the little cemetery on Mill Rd. Middleton known as Elliot's Cemetery we are not sure. No early Elliot markers can be found, but a few later ones.

Samuel Symonds lived at the Henry Sawyer place. Symondses prominent in Boxford.

Pout Hole a mystery.

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The Selectmen of Boxford being met together the 25th of November, 1708, to lay out Highways in the town of Boxford, and accordingly we have laid out a town Highway from Jacob Perley's land as the path now leads from Jacob Perley's House to Thomas Hazen's house, and so from the said Hazen's as the path now is, to the west side of a hill by Daniel Wood's House; from thence to the west end of the said Wood's field, and on by the fence side to Andover road; from thence on a straight line to the Widow Peabody's field, and so along by the fence side to the Widow's Barn; thence on as the path now lieth to the Hosting House-this road is not to exceed to rods in width.- (2)

* Also, another Highway beginning at the open road that leadeth to Topsfield and layeth across the ridges from Timothy Dorman's land to the north-east corner of Black's old Orchard, from thence on a straight line to the east end of a little hill in Black's field, which now belongs to John Andrews and Joseph Andrews; from thence along the old path over the hills, called Langley's Hills as the trees be now marked to the northerly corner of Samuel Symonds' land, and so on southerly to Samuel Symonds' House and so thence to a bridge over Fishing Brook; thence to a marked tree standing by the fence; then in the most convenient ground to Ephrsim Curtice's field, to two poplars marked; thence to the west side of said Curtice's dwelling house, and so along by his fence as far as the southwest corner of his stone wall; thence along the cartway twelve rods; thence turning southwesterly to a cartway that goeth over the swamp, about twelve rods above the causeway; thence along by the swamp as the marked trees lead to the old road; and then along the same road to the causeway over the inland meadows, thence to the house of Samuel Symonds Junr. As witness our

Notes as of 1955

X Highway from Jacob Perley's to Meeting House.

Jacob Perley lived near where the barn now stands (1970 gone) across the road from the house owned by Raymond Perley and occupied by Maurice Thrasher on Baldpate Road.
From there the road ran easterly to the northerly side of Bald Pate Pond to Thomas Hazen's house between James Gray's house (burned in 1960s) and Bald Pate Pond. The Old Post House was Thomas Hazen's house. A murder was committed near east end of Bald Pate Pond. See p. 26 "Dwellings of Boxford".
Then from Thomas Hazen's through Harden's field(owned by Pierce now) past Daniel Wood's and Robert Stiles' house (cellar-holes between Pierce's and Stevens Pond) to Ipswich Road about opposite Stevens Pond where road is still visible west of a new house. Old road is walled on both sides.
Then straight to Widow Peabody's field (cor. Georgetown and Ipswich Rds to Widow Peabody's barn west of present Peabody-Miller (1970) place on Georgetown Rd. From there it is believed the path led of Georgetown Rd. west of Pye Brook, but may have been half way to Herrick's Corner and through path by 'Meadow in the Hills' (in front of Gardner house)in the woods off Georgetown Rd. and so to meeting house in n. e. corner of Village Cemetery. No cemetery then.

* Road from Timothy Dorman's to Samuel Symonds.

From Topsfield Road in vicinity of Maddock place. (Old path there now. Timothy Dorman's barn was about where Dana Cahoon's front driveway. The Dorman house was across the road at the Coolidge (1970)place.
The location of Blac 's orchard is a question. It may have been the knoll on which a cottage owned by the Cahoons now stands. Rented to different tenants. (About s. e. of th Maddock's)
The orchard was owned by John and Joseph Andrews. Course of the road was over the hill is called "Langley's Hills" (Langley owned Livermore and Lockwood places later though he may never lived at either place.) to n. e. corner of Symond's land.
His house was near the Clarence Groves' place, probably on the north side of the road (Lockwood Lane) across to Curtis' field. The Curtises probably lived 1/4 mile south or southwest of the present Curtis-Holmes. There are large oak trees and some visible signs of foundations there. Then the road went to what is now Middleton, but so many old paths and curves difficult to know course. It is thought to have come out near the present (1970) Henry Sawyer house off Peabody St. in Middleton.

It is thought John and Joseph Andrews lived between Topsfield Rd. and Bare Hill Rd. Turn off Bare Hill Rd. to right when going toward Topsfield before crossing old railwood track near the Boxford-Topsfield line. May be 1/4 mile or so in from the road. (See "Dwellings of Boxford", p. 51.)

Page 81. hands the Selectmen of Boxford .

Samuel Symonds
Daniel Wood
Joseph Hale
John Stiles

The Selectmen, who laid out the Highway from Timothy Dorman's field to young Samuel Symond's house, have, upon second thought and better considerations moving them thereto, have altered the above said Highway, from a cartway to a horseway only, as attest,

John Peabody
Town Clerk.

Also, from Jacob Perley's house to the Meeting House our Highway by Robert Stiles' house, shallbbe only a private horse way-and the Selectmen did also agree, that there shall be horse gates made in Ephraim Curtice's land in four places, if there be need of so many gates in his land at the town's cost; also, there shall be horse gates from Jacob Perley's house to Robert Stiles' house where there shall be need of gates; also upon the town's cost and charges; which we judge due recompense for the land.- (Marden's Field to Ipswich Rd.) (Robert Stiles was son of first Robert Stiles who owned W. P. Haynes' place.)

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At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 20th of April 1703. ----------also, the town voted to pay John Andrews and Joseph Andrews twenty six shillings out of the town treasury as soon as conveniently may be, and in so doing they do consent that there shall be gates set up through their land, where there is need of them; and if there be no damage done in their land in one years time, then these ways may stand longer. The twenty six shillings afore voted to be paid to John and Joseph Andrews is accordingly paid to them by Constable Thomas Perley.

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Sometime in December 1707, upon complaint made to the Selectmen of Boxford for want of a convenient Highway from Ipswich River to Francis Elliot's land along in Andover old highway to Salem, and so to accommodate all persons who shall have occasion to use the highway for carting or otherwise without being interrupted or turned into hilly rocky ground, the Selectmen then in being, laid out a Highway from Ipswich River near to the old highway, from said river to Andover, as near to the hilly ground as can be laid with convenience, till it comes to the north side of Nathaniel Curtice's house, and so along to the north corner of Francis Elliot's raile fence where there is a cleft rock within four rods of said Raile fence, and so along in the old way toward Andover; also the Selectmen laid a way from said Averell's house to Francis Elliot's House along by the fence on the left hand over the swampy land to said Elliot's land-as witness our hands.

John Peabody)Selectmen
in the name of the)of Boxford.

(Curtice) was recorded Bacon's Copy, T.M. Book 1 pg. 109 in wrong. Should be Carrol's

Notes as of 1973

See Pages 6 and 8 for Francis Elliot.

Liberty Street, Middleton was known as Andover Old Road, and that is why it is believed that Liberty St. to Forest St. (past Averill-Paul place) in North Andover and so to Andover (now North Andover Center) was probably the course of the road to Andover.

Where Averell's house mentioned above was located is a question. Believed to have been on Peabody Street near the lane to Henry Sawyer's house.

Note

"Nathaniel Curtice's house should read "Nathaniel Carrol's house", For in the Bacon Copy of Boxford Town Meetig records, Vol. 1, page 109, Mr. Bacon copied Curtice instead of Carrol. [illegible] checked original record book and found error after considerable puzzlement as to who Curtice was and where he lived.
Carrol lived in the vicinity of Maple Street Bridge in Middleton according to Mr. Lura Watkins.

Copy of first Record. Page 114

The Selectmen of Boxford in the year 1708, laid out a way from Joseph Eames' land through part of John Eames' land till it comes to about fifteen rods from the fence, and then as the trees are marked on the north side till it comes to the corner of James Black's land, and from said Black's House to meet there, thence through Jeremy Perley's land, trees marked on the north till they come over the Brook upon the plain, thence upon the north of Isaac Cummings' land till it comes to the road which leads from Nathaniel Peabody's.

It is to be understood the way is laid out from Joseph Eames' House.

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(James Black and Joseph Eames were chosen Haywards or Field-drivers for the north side of the town March 1, 1708/9. See page 119.)

J. W. Parkhurst
Town Clerk

Evidently James Black didn't live in Boxford end of town as per "Dwellings" or would not have been chosen for "north side of town" as field driver or hayward. (See page 43 in Dwellings).
not opp. Barnes' or Kelsey's.
May have lived there at one time, but not in 1708/9.
Road from Joseph Eames' house (at site of old house at J. Henry Mason place on Washington St. Course from there thru John Eames' land (he lived at George Blake place on Ipswich Rd. where old cellar-hole can be seen near a summer camp owned by "Reynolds" in 1956), not far from Boxford - North Andover line, the course of road running along Washington St. to cor. James Black's land. It is thought James Black lived north west of Fowler's Pond on old road that ran by his house and came out to Main St. north of Ruth Morin's house above pond-hole, on Main St. Black's land probably came out to border Wash. St. on north. Then through Jeremy Perley land (lived at Ruby Mason place.) along Washington St. out to West Boxford Village plain, and Main St. on north of Isaac Cummings land (where?)
Nathaniel Peabody was a brother of Capt. John Peabody, and lived east of Main St. between Everett Chadwick's and John T. Chadwick's on old road.

Washington Street, from Henry Mason's down past Al Mason Garage over the brook to Main St. in West Boxford Village.

March 13, 1710/11

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-also, the town voted to desire Bradford, for our neighbors, at the north end of our town, to allow them a highway way to Bradford, to come into the great road between Jonathan Kimball's and the Widow Kimball's, so to Richard Hale's; also voted that John Eames and Nathaniel Peabody carry the town's desire to Bradford- (Where was this road? Who was Richard Hale and where did he live? No such person in Vital Records of Boxford and Bradford. Hales lived in Groveland. Who were the Kimballs? Numerous families.)

Page 140-Ipswich Road

* Whereas the Selectmen of Andover have put in a petition to the Court of quarter Sessions, for a Highway through our town from John Eames' to Ensign Thomas Perley's where the former Highway was laid out, or as near to it as conveniently may be,- and further; the Selectmen of Andover have sent to us to lay out the way through our town, whereupon we have taken care and gotten copies out of Rowley Town book, which copies mention the former highway, by bounding land on said Way.

We the Selectmen have met to lay out the way on the first day of November, 1712 and have proceeded to lay out said way, and bounded it as followeth, Beginning at Andover line next John Eames, the way now layeth on the north side of Job Tyler's House, and as the way now layeth on the south side of John Kimball's House and as the way now layeth on the south side of Jonathan Tyler's House, and as the way now layeth to the Parsonage, and on the north side of the Parsonage till it comes to John Wood's land to the way settled by the Court, and after it leaves said Woods land, through some part of Clerk Hale's land, and on the northside of said Hale's House as the way now layeth to Lieut. Thomas Perley's House, as the way now layeth to Ensn. Thomas Perley's House, and so to Ipswich line.

This way which we the Selectmen of Boxford for the

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* IPSWICH RD. No. Andover line to Ipswich line. Actual survey March 25, 1713. From John Eames, near Andover (now No. Andover line), along north side of the present road swinging to the north opp. the Blake or Porter cellar hole as old road is visible to the lowland and coming out to present road, west of the garden of Dr. Allen on north side of the Ipswich road, along on the north side of Job Tyler's house near Wood's Corner, and on the south side of John Kimball's house (Fred Shaw's). on the south side of Jonathan Tyler's (old

Notes continued as of 1955

Stetson place) and to the "Parsonage" farm, on the north side of the Farm (opposite Baldpate Rd.) to John Wood's land (Raymond Perley's 1955) to way settled by the Court (shere?). and after Wood's land through part of Clerk Hale's land (Audrey Shaw's) as way layeth to Lt. Thomas Perley house (the 3d. Thomas Perley who lived at the Cleavelend-Dr. Murray place), to Ensign Thomas Perley's house (first house on the site of the big elm on Joseph Perkin's place in Howe Village. The first Thomas Perley died in 1709, so this was the house of the 2d. Thomas Perley.
In 1712 Lt. Thomas Perley was referred to in Town Records as Ensign. In 1724 he was called 2d. Thomas.)
Above road to be 3 rods wide throughout by order of Court.

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year 1712, have laid out, is a town way and is to be two rods wide.

John Andrews)
Samuel Symonds) Selectmen
Samuel Foster) of
Jacob Perley) Boxford

Essex ss. At General Sessions of the Peace holden at Ipswich March 17th 1712/13, This Court do allow and approve of the above highway, provided it be laid between John Eames' House and Barn and so on, and direct that the Surveyors of Boxford take care to put the same in good repair as the law directs- and that they make the said Highway three rods wide throughout, and record it so.

Copia veria. Attest Stephen Sewal Clerk

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March 29th, 1713, The Selectmen of Boxford met and laid a Highway from Andover line to John Eames' bounded as followeth at Andover line beginning at a heap of rocks, and from thence to a heap of rocks, and so to an Oak tree marked, and so to a black oak tree marked, and so to a great stone, and from thence to the northwest corner of John Eames' Barn, and so on to the Highway. All these bounds above mentioned, are on the south side of the road now laid out- It is to be understood, that the road is laid out three rods wide upon the north side of these bounds, and from thence to Ipswich line as the road now layeth, three rods wide throughout.

Jonathan Foster,)
John Andrews,) The
Nathaniel Peabody,) Selectmen
David Peabody,) of
Thomas Cummings,) Boxford.

(Ipswich Road)

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The Selectmen of Boxford being desired by several of the Inhabitants of the town, to settle and confirm the Roads, one agreed on by a Committee chosen by the town, and they not stating any breadth to said Way, or road, we the present Selectmen, do agree, that the way from Maple meadow shall be two rods wide, and shall be a stated road where it is now improved by Timothy Foster's, and from thence as the path is improved by Samuel Pickard's and by Capt. Peabody's, and by Mr. Rogers' and by Robert Andrews', and by Quartermaster Andrews, and still on as the way is improved by Sargeant Andrews' Barn, and so on as the way is now improved to Topsfield line.

And from Timothy Foster's too and over land as the way is now improved, by a great white oak which is the bound between Andover and Boxford.

As Witness our hands-dated in the year 1714,

Joseph Bixby)
Thomas Perley) The
Jacob Smith) Selectmen
Jeremiah Perley) of
John Tyler) Boxford

Notes as of 1955

Main Street from Maple Meadow (between Alerson Noyes' and A. Bolton's) to be an improved road from Timothy Foster's (Bolton place) to Samuel Pickard's (Spring-Atwood place) along by Capt. Peabody's (Milton E. Lord's) by Mr. Rogers' (he was the minister that lived in old house which was first parsonage very near site of the present Holyoke-French Historical House) and along Topsfield Rd. by Robert Andrews', and along by Quartermaster Andrews'(used to be a house east of Livermore's in the field, so road probably followed along the ridge from Livermore's and came out to Topsfield Rd. near that old house; then to Sgt. Andrews' barn about where the garage stands at the present Wm. C.,Abbott, Jr. place) to the Topsfield line. Laid out in 1714.

Also Main Street up from Bolton's to No. Andover line on Foster St. by a great white oak tree.

The Selectman mentioned is the second Joseph Bixby, son of the first Joseph Bixby.

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* The Selectmen of Boxford being met together the 18th of December 1714, have laid out a way one rod and half wide from Bradford line upon the eastside of Cornelius Brown's land, by Josiah Session's line Southerly, until it comes near a Swamp, then westerly till it comes to a path, and so along said Path over the Bridge southerly up the hill to a white Oak tree marked; then southerly over the plain between two ridges, and so on to the path, and thence as the path goes between the Widow Sherwin's House and Barn, and so along down by Nathaniel Peabody's House into a way laid out by the Selectmen in '98/7. 1697

Joseph Bixby) The Selectmen
Jeremiah Perley) of
Thomas Perley Jnr.) Boxford.

December 24th, 1714

Page 148--Foster-Fort's field to Rowley line,

Depot Rd. - Ipswich Rd. - School St. - Killam Rd. - Rowley Rd.

* Whereas, the Selectmen of Boxford, in the year 1700, did agree and order, that the road or way, from the corner of William Foster's field near his Barn, should remain and continue, from said Barn to Rowley line, near Tobacco-pipe-hill, they not stating any breadth, therefore now we the present Selectmen in the year 1714, do agree and order that the above said Way or road shall be two rods wide throughout as the trees are marked.-

Joseph Bixby) By us the
Thomas Perley) Selectmen
Jacob Smith) of
Jeremiah Perley) Boxford.

Notes as of 1958

* Oak Ridge Road. Bradford line (near the Charles Gardner place). Cornelius Brown owned the old Pearl place off Lake Shore Road and probably built the original house (a room of which is in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts) after he purchased the land in 1703 for 70 pounds.) and Mr. Brown probably owned land west of the present Oak Ridge Rd. (See Dwellings of Boxford, page 236.) Then course of road lay along past the old Reynolds Cellar. Josiah Sessions lived on Sessions Hill near the Reynolds place in West Boxford. Then road lay through the swamp near Mr. Walter Morse's water hole, then past the site of the old Lunt place (much of land now covered with blueberry and raspberry bushes belonging to Mr. Walter Morse.)

Notes continued as of 1955

Then swinging along the old path as road goes and after going between two ridges straight ahead to old road and across Lake Shore Rd. as now known, along back of the late John T. Chadwick's barn past Nathaniel Peabody's house, (In the field south of said Chadwick's Buildings.) Widow Sherwin's house and barn were about where the Whittier place now owned by J. Warren Chadwick, is on Lake Shore Road.

* Road from Topsfield Rd . to Rowley Line (Rowley Road).
Just where the road started is a question. If at the old barn across Spring Brook east of the Gerrit For te place, the road ran across field and came out beyond Harry Trask's house on Depot Rd., and so by Depot Road, Ipswich Road, School St., Killam Road or Rte. 97 to Rowley Road. If it began at cor. of Topsfield Rd . and Cross St. it went by way of Cross St. to Depot Road.
It is said men on way home from marshes would stop at Tobacco-pipe Hill to rest oxen before climbing hill, and light up their pipes. Hence the name.

December the 24th, 1714.

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The Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a way, a rod and half wide, beginning at Rowley line about forty rods to the east of Edward Hazen's House, from thence southerly as the path goes and as the trees are marked, and so along between Nathaniel Peabody's House and Barn-thence as the path goeth to Thomas Jewett's land until it comes near Jeremy Perley's Orchard; from thence along by Ensn. John Perley's House, and so over the plain upon Jeremiah Perley's land until it comes to Andover Road, meeting with the way that is laid out to our Meeting house between Clerk Hale's and Widow Peabody's land.

Joseph Bixby)
Thomas Perley) Selectmen
Jacob Smith) of
Jeremiah Perley) Boxford.

Notes as of 1965

Georgetown Rd. in part and Rte. 97 or Killam Rd. and Kelsey Rd. to Ipswich Rd. To Chapman Lane to Meeting House.
In this case Rowley line means the Georgetown line as we know it, for Georgetown was not set off as a town until 1838.
Edward Hazen's house, later known as "Old Post House" was in back of the present Marden-James Gray place.
So, course of road was from Georgetown line 40 rods east of the Post House either across (present Georgetown Rd. beyond Bernard Herman's) through the woods coming out onto Rte. 97 Between Jones' Cor. and Clough's Cor., or running from Georgetown Line beyond Herman's to Jones' Cor. and down Rte. 97 to Killam Rd. (Probably to near Jones' Cor.. (for Nathaniel Peabody probably lived in house off Georgetown Rd. east of Rte. 97. Not sure.) (Jeremiah Perley place was in Great Meadow about north of present Rte. 95 Bridge over Rte. 97.)
Thomas Jewett lived east of the present house of Paul Killam on Killam Rd. Jeremy Perley's Orchard may have been in west corner of Kelsey Rd. and Rte. 97. John Perley opp. Seth Kelsey house near R.R. track.)
From Killam Rd. or Rte. 97 at Clough's Cor. road went via Kelsey Rd. to Ipswich Rd., to Chapman Lane to Meeting House.
(Chapman Lane opp. Harmony Cemetery.)

See "Dwellings of Boxford" for locations.

Paul Killam place owned by John Moore 1965

December the 24th, 1714.

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Georgetown Road, near Marden place.

* The Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a Way, a rod wide, beginning at Nathaniel Perkin's land, near a great rock upon the west side of Pleasant plain as the way now goeth to Jonathan Wilkins; so into the way that is already laid out leading to the Meeting house.-

* Also, the Selectmen have laid out a horse way, from the road leading from William Foster's Barn to Rowley line- beginning on the westerly side of a Swamp, and from thence as the foot path now goeth for our Meeting house.

By us, the Selectmen of Boxford,
Joseph Bixby
Jacob Smith
Jeremiah Perley
Thomas Perley

Notes as of 1955

Georgetown Road. One rod wide from Nathaniel Perkins' land (near James Gray's) near a rock on west side of the Plain by James Gray's place in 1955. Plain is known as Pleasant Plain. Then as present Georgetown Rd. runs to Ipswich Rd. at Steven's Cor.; along Ipswich Rd. to site of old Dist. # 3 school and Chapman Lane to first meeting house.
Who was Jonathan Wilkins and where did he live?

*Horse way. Probably the old path from site of old barn in field east of the Gerit Forte place on Topsfield Rd., across the field to Depot Rd. beyond Harry Trask's in lowland. Path visiable now; then to old road up Franklin C. Roberts Jrs. driveway to Chapman Lane and to Meeting House. In other words, path from old road to Rowley which is present Depot Rd. beyond Trask's, then up ~~Roberts'~~ Durkee's driveway to Chapman Lane.
Witch Hollow is the hollow near F. C. Roberts' on Depot Rd.
Witch Hollow in West Boxford is hollow opposite upper end of Stetson Pond, on left side of Ipswich Rd. going to West Boxford.
In 1956 Roy Durkee owns the (Roberts') place off Depot Rd. on old path to Chapman Lane.

May 16th, 1715.

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* Then was laid out a Highway from Thomas Cummings' House bounded on the west side,- read oak tree marked, two rods wide, so running northwest as the way goes by the edge of the hill to David Peabody's land, two rods wide, so on his land to a black oak tree marked on the northwest side of the road, on the north side a heap of stones, and across the west corner of said Peabody's field, so, on the west side of a rocky hill, two rods wide, so up the hill, turning a little towards his Barn, and turning northwest towards his fence; thence running northwest on the northwest side of a white oak tree, so as the road goes on the west end of said Peabody's House, so running as the way goes, to Corporal John Stiles' land, bounded on each side with a heap of stones; so as the way goes, to the west end of said Stiles' House; so as the road goes to the Fishing-brook, and so over the Brook, a stake, and stones about it near said Brook, two rods wide on Samuel Fiske's by Buzwell's land to the Road.

Timothy Dorman) Selectmen
Thomas Spofford) of
John Chadwick) Boxford

Notes as of 1955

*Middleton Road from Thomas Cummings' House two rods wide. (Frank M. Goulds in 1955) to Frye's Corner or Main St. in 1955. Just where did road run from Frank Gould's to Sawyer-Atherton place? Did it go around a hill back of Preston Gould's? Frank Gould thinks not. David Peabody's land was the Sawyer-Atherton place. From the Atherton house the road took the same course as present Middleton Rd. to Corp. John Stiles' land. (Lived at the Cole-Connor-Townsend place). Road must have swung in to left to have gone west of end of his house. The old house did stand nearer the present road than now so not much of a swing to go to west end of the house. Then across Fishing Brook (at present Cole's Bridge probably) up the hill to present Frye's Corner. Samuel Fiske lived in field at left before reaching Frye's Cor. and John Buzwell lived on the opposite side of road in the field near a large elm tree. Field belongs to Miss Bertha Perley. Site of the Samuel Fiske place belongs to Mr. ~~Fred Hardy~~. (D. B. Kelly 1973)

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At a legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford the 24th of June 1715.

4th Voted, that the three gates which Samuel Fiske and Thomas Redington set up cross the road, shall stand and continue upon the condition, that the above said Fiske and Redington make horse gates, and give the use of their land , where the road goes through, so long as the said Gates shall Stand.

5th Voted, that all the proprietors in the town, shall have liberty to erect gates where they shall occasion for their convenience, and to continue such as are already erected, until the town shall pay them for their land which the Highways take up, with the damage which have not been heretofore allowed for.

Notes

Thomas Redington probably built part of the present William R. Walsh house and lived there in 1715.

Samuel Fiske lived in what is now the field owned by Fred Hardy on the south west corner of Frye's Corner.

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* We the Selectmen of Boxford being met together this 14th day of June 1717, to lay out a Highway from Rowley road to Nathaniel Perley's into the road laid from Edward Hazen's to the Meeting house-and whereas there is an allowance made for a Highway through the lots now in the possession of Sargeant John Hovey and Thomas Jewett when said lots were laid out, and it not being stated where said Way should go, nor how wide it should be- we as aforesaid do lay out said Way one rod and half wide beginning at Rowley road near Cornelius Balch's field, a black oak tree being marked, on the north side of the road, so into the road on the north side of Balches field, so as the path now goes to a walnut tree marked on the north side of said Road, and so on as the path now goes between Thomas Jewett's House and Barn, and so along the lane straight into the way laid out from said Hazen's to the Meeting house- said Highway is to be an open way at all times.

John Andrews) The Selectmen
Thomas Perley) Boxford
Thomas Perley Jr.)

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At a legal Town-meeting held in Boxford the 22nd of October 1717.

2nd Voted that all town ways that are laid out by the Selectmen, shall be repaired by way of town rate.
3d Voted to begin to mend Highways by way of town rate next March which will be in the beginning of the year 1718.

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Notes as of 1955

*Killam Rd., Kelsey Rd. Chapman Lane
Nathaniel Perley lived in the old house on the site of the present Killam-Parkhurst house on Ipswich Rd . So course of road began at junction of present School St. (which was way to Nathaniel Perley's from Rowley Rd.) and Killam Rd. near Rowley Rd. Cornelius Balch lived at site of present East Boxford Post Office and where Gerald Bristois lives on Killam Rd. or Rte. 97, and passed Thomas Jewett's House was on Paul L. Killam's house lot, but somewhat east of present house.
Then to Clough's Cor. or junction of Killam Rd . and Kelsey Rd.
(The way from Edward Hazen's to Meeting House being the present Rte. 97 as it comes into Kelsey Rd. from Georgetown.
Then to Chapman Lane and the first Meeting house.

Taxation for repair of highways began in Boxford, March 1, 1718.

* Voted March 11, 1719 that inhabitants of South end of town shall have freedom to build a Pound and set it up on south side of Pout Pond Brook.

Note
Pout Pond is now in Middleton. On what road would it have been?

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At a Legal town meeting, held in Foxford the 14th of May, 1718.

3d Voted to mull the way that hath been formerly laid out through the plain, partly upon Corporal Joseph Peabody's land; and partly on Corporal Timothy Dorman's land and upon Thomas Cummings' land on the other side the Fishing-brook until it comes to Samuel Gould's land.

4th Voted to mull the way that was formerly laid out from Robert Andrews' Barn over the hills to Samuel Symonds' house.

5th The town chose Capt. John Andrews, Samuel Fiske, Deacon Timothy Foster, Corporal Timothy Dorman and Corporal Richard Kimball a committee for to view the way over Pye-brook by Richard Peabody's, and the way over Pye-brook by the Widow Peabody's and the way over the Brook at the lower end of the Four mile pond, and any other way where there is occasion, and make report to the town of their doings.

Notes as of 1955

Discontinued Roads
From Corp. Joseph Peabody's land (Dorman-Cahoon place on Topsfield Rd)
Timothy Dorman's barn was about where Leonard Mattraw's driveway now is. 1993 Cahoon place.
Thomas Cummings lived at the Frank M. Gould place.
Samuel Gould lived at north west corner of Middleton Rd. and Lockwood Lane in the field, near Iron Words.

So Road was discontinued from the present Cahoon place across plain to Lockwood Lane.

Also a road from Robert Andrews' barn (Robert Livermore's in 1955; barn burned a few years ago) over the hills to Samuel Symonds house near the brook out of Lockwood 's Pond at the Dimon Lockwood place on Lockwood Lane.

Pye Brook is brook running from Four Mile Pond, under Georgetown Rd. to Lowe's or Depot Pond, under Chaplin's Mill and under Depot road and emptying into Gallups Brook and Ipswich River in Topsfield.
Roberts House on Georgetown Rd. old house near the present Peabody

Bridge over Pye Brook on Dodd Rd. called "Cat Bridge" years ago.

Richard Peabody
Widow Peabody
Which Peabody was she? Richard's mother was widow of William and probably lived where he lived in old house west of the present Peabody-Roberts house on Georgetown Rd. It is a question as to whic h Peabody widow is mentioned and where road was.

Notes continued as of 1955

This old road may have referred to an old way across land of the Peabody's to Parsonage Farm east of Four Mile Pond. It doesn't speak of their houses and may mean their lands.

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We whose names are underwritten, being desired by some of the Inhabitants of our respective towns to lay out a town way from the road that goes by Mr. John Capon's to the road that goes by Thomas Andrews Barn-accordingly we have laid out said Way as followeth, beginning at Mr. Capon's Causeway, so called, along as the land now goeth by the land of Sargt. Daniel Clark, upon Thomas Gould's and Ensn. John Gould's land, to the land of Benjamin Bixby, and so along betwoen the above said Benjamin Bixby's House and Barn to the Brook as the way was formerly improved, and so along over the Brook upon the abovesaid Benjamin Bixby's land- the abovesaid Way, to enter upon Thomas And rews' land about three or four rods to the westward of a great rock that is a bound between Thomas Andrews and Samuel Smith, and so along as the way is now improved to the Road that goeth by Thomas Andrews' Barn.

The above said way is laid out two rods wide.

Dated in Topsfield the 16th of October 1718.

Joseph Bixby	John Gould
Samuel Symonds	John Howlet
Ephraim Dorman	Jacob Peabody
Stephen Peabody	Nathaniel Porter
Selectmen of Boxford.	The Selectmen of Topsfield.

That is above written, relating to a town way, voted and allowed by the town of Boxford, so far as it concerns them.

Notes as of 1955

Was this the road from near Dimon Lockwood's on Lockwood Lane across by the Upton's or old Titus place to the old Shirley-Wm.C. Abbott, Jr. House? It Seems to be the road from the Topsfield line across from Lockwood Lane to Topsfield Road . All the men mentioned except Thomas Andrews and Samuel Smith lived over the line in Topsfield.

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Boxford, October 14th, 1719.

We the Subscribers, upon the request of several of the Inhabitants of said Town, have laid out a town highway or road from Andover line unto the road that leads from Bradford line down through the said Town to our meeting house, the said road is laid out two rods wide, beginning; at a horse Gate at Andover line near Larane Law hors (gate) his house....bounded with a white oak tree or westerly side, and with a red oak tree on the southerly side of the road, so to run northeasterly till it comes to Mr. Chadwick's Barn as the path now lies, so on to the southside of his dwelling house, to lay between the house and well; thence as the path lies, till it comes to James Black's southerly corner bound; thence northwardly, down on the side of the hill within the fence where it may be most convenient, till it comes to a bridge over a brook, so on said Black's house on the back side of it, so on to the southerly side of a hill, so to the old path, so on as the path now lies till it comes into the aforesaid Road on the northwardly side of a Frog pond.

As witness our hands

Joseph Hale) The Selectmen
Luke Hovey) of
John Wood) Boxford.

Notes as of 1955

Road from Ipswich Rd. near Andover line and beginning at Larane Law's house (just where was his house?) probably across field as old walled road is visible in 1955 coming out near the driveway of Mr. Charles Foster on Glendale Rd.; then continuing a short distance along present course of Glendale Rd. turning off road to left, as old road can be seen, going through the woods to field of Mr. George Gemmell till one comes to old John Chadwick cellar in edge of Gemmell's field few hundred feet south of his house; then as old driveway goes past Gemmell house, then along across field through the yard of the Misses Ruby and Anna Mason and down the hill coming out to Washington St. at the Mason Shop, then crossing Washington St. along the edge of the meadow to James Black's house (believed to have been on n.w. side of Fowler's Pond), then along the southerly side of the hill across field from Mrs. Ruth Morin's on Main St. and along the old path now used for teaming, and coming out beyond the *Frog Pond to the left side of Main St. beyond Mrs. Morin's, going toward Haverhill.

* The Frog Pond filled in in late 1950s. It was on Mrs. Ruth (Chadwick) Morin's land. In 1967 probably it belongs to Richard Chadwick who built a new house south ot it. Pond was about opposite entrance to Mast Hill Rd. from Main St.

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October the 6th day 1721. The Selectmen of Boxford being apprised of the want of a way to the Meeting house, though they petitioned at Newbury Court have no way, came to the Selectmen to petition for it this year- We the Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a way for David Wood and Jacob Wood and Jonathan Kimball, Samuel Spofford, Samuel Tyler, Benjamin Foster-beginning at Jacob Wood's corner where Andover road and Bradford road meet to Cornet Perley's and Wood's Mill-dam, and so over said Mill-dam to a white oak tree marked in Jacob Wood's land, and so to a white oak tree marked upon the side of a ridge as streight as the land will allow, and from thence as streight as the land will allow to a yellow oak marked by the road to the Meeting house from Tyler's; and from thence as the way is now improved, to the new Bridge over Cold water meadow swamp, and so over said Bridge, as the way is now improved to the Meeting house-the way from Jacob Wood's corner to the road from Tyler's is to be private horse way laid out by us the Selectmen for Boxford 1721.

Joseph Dixby
Thomas Jewett
Thomas Cummings
Richard Peabody

Notes as of 1955

See page 26 and 27. How did they go to Parsonage Farm? Probably via Ipswich Rd. at first.
Did Tyler live at # 67 near Cedar Pond or nearer Four Mile Pond?
No record of road before 1721, the above record refers to section of road from Meeting House to Tyler's. So no date for this section of Herrick Rd . tho it evidently had been laid out earlier.
Way is the northerly section of Herrick Rd. beyond what was known as Tyler's near Four Mile Pond. To accommodate David Wood who lived in old house in front of the new modernistic house owned by Dr. Freedman on north side of Ipswich Rd.
Jacob Wood lived at the old house on site of present Stetson-Wood house.
Where did Jonathan Kimball live?
Samuel Spofford lived in the house on Spofford Rd. owned in 1955 by Mrs. Lena Adams. House burned late 1950's when unoccupied.
Samuel Tyler lived where?
Benjamin Foster probably lived on site of old house that stood on old road that passed now the driveway of the Fowler-Sperry place on right side of road going north. This old road was replaced by the present course of Main St. running next to Fowler's Pond.

Notes continued as of 1955

Course of horse way from Jacob Wood's Corner (Jct. Ipswich, Spofford Rds.) to "Cornet Perley's and Wood's Mill-dam on Herrick Rd.; then over the dam along the present Herrick Rd. on the ridge to Tyler's and the road which ran from Tyler's to old first meeting house in Boxford.

Vote of Town

March 12, 1722/23. Put to vote and passed in Negative request that inhabitants of lower end of town (now Middleton) be set off and have own meeting house. (This is digest of record, W.C.P)

NOTE

"Lower end of town" was set off to Middleton in 1728. See pg. 32 a

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Boxford July the 27th 1722.

Then we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, by the desire of several persons, met together and laid out a town way from Andover road, turning out of said Road in the Parsonage where the old path goes, at a black oak tree marked, on the westerly side of said Highway running thro' the Parsonage as the trees are marked on the westerly side over the brook at the lower end of the Four-mile pond, so running in the old path as the trees are marked on the westerly side of said Highway, through land of Stephen Peabody, Richard Peabody, George Bixby and Ebenezer Kimball by the easterly end of said Kimball's House, and so on as the path goes to the meeting house, which way was formerly laid out by Selectmen of Boxford; but there being some defect in the recording, caused us to confirm or lay it out again.

Timothy Dorman)
Jeremiah Perley) The Selectmen
John Chadwick) of
Thomas Redington) Boxford.

Notes

This Way evidently was to provide a shorter means of getting to the Parsonage Farm which was about opposite the present Baldpate Rd. on Ipswich Rd. George Bixby then lived at the Herrick-place on Herrick Rd. Ebenezer Kimball lived in the old house in Steven-Gerst field across the driveway from Mr. Archibald Trull's house. The way seems to have led off Herrick Rd. to the right a short distance beyond the driveway to the Herrick Cider Mill-cottage occupied by Dr. Minich summers.

The way from Herrick Rd. by Four Mile Pond to Parsonage Farm was discontinued March 12, 1723.

See Page 96 an 97.

In late 1950s the Trulls sold to Austens who sold Gould-Trull-Austen place to Folsoms

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Boxford February 26th 1722/3

Then we the Subscribers, met together to consider and confirm or lay out some private ways where they are most convenient and necessary for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town-by reason of the records of our town ways being defective, some taking occasion to stop and turn them at their pleasure, and the consideration, that there is a good parsonage-farm in our town, devoted by our Fathers, to the town of Rowley, for the use of the Minister in our town and there being a way, formerly laid out by Selectmen of Boxford, to said Parsonage Farm, which is wholly stopped up, which is about half a mile nearer for our Minister to come at said Parsonage farm than any other way and for a considerable number of our Inhabitants to come to meeting; also, for a great part of our Inhabitants to go to Bradford, and which will be of less charge than any other way to accommodate them- We have therefore laid out a private way for the use of the Inhabitants of our town, said Way being two rods wide from the house our Minister lives in as the path now leads and on the easterly side the bounds hereafter mentioned over the undivided land of some of our proprietors, then over the land of John Buzwell, Ebenezer Kimball, George Bixby, Stephen Peabody and Richard Peabody till it comes to the Brook running out of Four-mile pond, so called, so over the said Brook across the Parsonage farm, so to Andover Road-the bounds are as followeth from the House our Minister lives in by the fence side to the east end of Ebenezer Kimball's House, so on to a marked white oak tree near George Bixby's Barn, so on to a great red oak stump with stones about it, so on to two red oak trees growing together, marked, so on to a stump with stones about it by George Bixby's gate near the line between George Bixby and the Peabody's land, so on to a black oak-tree marked, so on to another

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Notes as of 1955

See previous page. Section discontinued March 12, 1793 to Ipswich Rd. from Herrick Rd. Minister's House was very near site of the present Holyoke-French House owned by the Boxford Historical Society.

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black oak-tree marked; so on to a marked white oak-tree, so on to another white oak-tree marked, so on to a black oak-tree marked, so on to a walnut-tree marked, near the aforesaid Brook, so on over the Fordway of said Brook to where the hill is dug, so on over the bridge to a black oak-tree where the said Way enters into the highway that leads from Andover to Ipswich.

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Dresser or Herrick Road.

Also, in the consideration of the Inhabitants in the upper end of our town, living remote from meeting, and there being no way r egurly laid out and settled to accommodate them,-we have therefore laid out a private way two rods wide for the use of the Inhabitants of our town, which will be of less charge to accommodate the Inhabitants of the upper end of our town than any way that in any measure has been laid out for them, which Way turns out of the highway that leads from Andover to Ipswich near the easterly end of Jonathan Tyler's fence and so as the path leads on the northeasterly side of all the bounds hereafter mentioned, over land of Doctor David Wood, Capt. Thomas Perley, Jacob Wood, and Stephen Peabody until it comes to the aforesaid way that leads from the house our Minister lives in, to the Parsonage farm- the bounds are as followeth, beginning at a marked white oak-tree near the easterly end of said Jonathan Tyler's fence, so on to another white oak-tree marked, so on to a little black oak-tree marked, so on to another black oak-tree marked, so on to a marked red oak-tree, so on to a black oak-stump with stones about it, so o n to a black oak-tree marked, so on to another Black oak-tree marked on Stephen Peabody's land near the northwesterly end of a ridge which ridge is between a swamp and a meadow, called Spring cove, which ridge

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has a deep ditch dug through it, and so on as the path leads over said ridge to a white oak tree marked, where the path enters into the aforesaid Way leading from the house our Minister lives in to the Parsonage Farm.

Timothy Dorman)
Jeremiah Perley) The Selectmen
John Chadwick) of
Thomas Redington) Boxford.

Notes as of 1955

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Dr. David Wood was the David Wood mentioned earlier.
Capt. Thomas Perley lived in Howe village but probably owned land in this vicinity as did the other men mentioned.

Page 200 Boxford March 7th, 1722/3

Then we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, being met together, and considering the necessity of the way heresfter mentioned, and that the records of the ways in our town are deficient, thought it proper to proceed as follows, and accordingly have laid out a private horse way for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town, from our Meeting House over the land of Thomas Redington, Timothy Dorman, Ephraim Dorman, Richard Peabody and Lieut. Joseph Hale, as the path leads from our Meeting House over a little stone bridge, so on by or near a Meadow or swamp, called the Meadow among the Hills, so on over a brook, called Pye-brook, at a bridge near Richard Peabody's house, so on as the path leads to said Peabody's by the easterly end of said House; from thence running easterly to a fence standing between the land of Lieut. Hale and Richard Peabody, so on by said Fence on the easterly side of said Peabody's land while it comes to a gate in said Fence; then going through said fence and entering on to the land of said Hale, so on, going northerly by said Fence, on the westerly side of said Hale's land till it enters into the road leading from Andover to Ipswich.

Timothy Dorman) The
Jeremiah Perley) Selectmen
John Chadwick) of
Thomas Redington) Boxford.

Notes as of 1955

It is thought Richard Peabody, son of William, lived in the old house west of the present Peabody-Roberts house on Georgetown Rd. Pye Brook is the stream which flows from Four Mile Pond under the Georgetown Rd.

Course of the private horse way from the first Meeting House on Chapman Lane through the woods coming out near Peabody-Roberts house on Georgetown Rd. going to right across to about where Mr. James Feronetti lives in 1955.
Lt. Hale owned the land in vicinity of Chapman Lane & Ipswich Rd..

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At a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 10th day of March, 1723/4 to choose Town Officers for the year ensuing, and to do other business that was specified in the warrants.

The town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds and Mr. Daniel Kenney to go to any Court or Courts for to petition any Court or Courts, or to complain to any Court or Courts, or to appeal, or to review, or to prosecute in any way or manner that they, in their wisdom shall think fit to prevent the charge of that way which was laid out by Jeremiah Perley, Thomas Redington and others in the year 1723/3 over George Bixby's land and Stephen Peabody's land by the lower end of the Four mile pond to Andover road, in the place where the town hath formerly voted that they would have no way laid out upon their cost and charge to endeavour to prevent the cost and charge of the above mentioned way from being laid on our town.

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At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 23d day of November 1724.

7th

The town, that they would have a way laid out from the bridge near Carill's House over Ipswich river to our Meeting house. Voted.

8th

Voted, that there shall be a way laid out from Joseph Bixby's House to Topsfield line.

(Carroll's) Notes as of 1955.

* Where was Carill's? Probably near ~~Middleton Rd.~~ * Ipswich River.

Joseph Bixby (1st. & 2nd.) lived north of the Howe Mill Pond between Mill Rd. and Bertha Perley's field above Cole's Bridge at Fish Brook. Was this Mill Rd up to Main St. or where?

* Carroll's house was near Maple St. Bridge in Middleton so road had another course at least part way to Boxford Meeting House. Must have been bridge here prior to 1724 Am I right? Daniel Kenney near [illegible]

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 12th, 1723

8th

Whereas, the Selectmen of Boxford, to wit, Jeremiah Perley, Thomas Redington and others laid out a private way over George Bixby's land, and over Stephen Peabody's land by the lower end of the Four-Mile Pond to Andover road in the year 1722/3, in the very place where the town had formerly voted, to wit, on the 27th of October 1721, that they would have no town highway laid out upon the towns cost and charge- and the town have, indostriously endeavored, by their Attorneys at every Court since, where the said Way has been in agitation, to prevent the charge thereof being laid on our town,

It was put to vote, to see if the town would null and discontinue the abovesaid Way, it being unnecessary for the common good of our town, and it passed in the Affirmative.

Discontinued

See pg. 32 a for Vote to set off lower end of town, March 12, 1720.

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At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford May 18th 1730

3d

It was put to vote to see if the town would mull the private way that was formerly laid out through Doctor David Wood's field by his house, that was formerly Nathaniel Peabody's and it passed in the Affirmative.

4th

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would direct the Selectmen to lay out another way to accommodate that neighborhood, and it passed in the Negative.

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At a legal Town-meeting held in Boxford March 9th 1730/31

16th

Voted to mull the private way that was formerly laid out from Thomas Andrews' Barn to Nathan Bixby's land over said Andrews' land.

It was also put to vote, to see if the town would confirm the private way from Thomas Andrews' Barn, betwixt said Andrews' land and Samuel Smith's land to Nathan Bixby's land, which way was laid out by the Selectmen of Boxford in March 1730, and passed in the Affirmative. (See next page)

Notes as of 1955

Just where the private way was which was discontinued by the town May 13, 1730, is a question.
Since Nathaniel Peabody lived near the John T. Chadwick place in West Boxford and he is often mentioned in connection with the roads and Dr. David Wood purchased the old house and land on which the present Parker Free School house stands, it may be the old road or path said to have run back of the school buildings. It is thought Dr. David Wood never lived there but the Dwellings of Boxford Page 258 say he bought the place about 1760, or the time the road was mulled.

Discontinued

Private way from Thomas Andrew's Barn (Wm. C. Abbott, Jr's) to Nathan Bixby's (formerly Anderson place on Lockwood Lane in Topsfield.)
Discontinued March 9, 1730/31

March 9, 1730
Road from Thomas Andrew's Barn (Wm. C. Abbott, Jr's) to Nathan Bixby's (Anderson place) via Titus Road accepted.
See course as described on pg. 33.

Town Records

December 15, 1729. Town voted to allow Samuel Symonds 5 lbs 17 shillings for his expense and time in attending at four courts in the town business, Samuel Foster, Town Treasurerm 20 shillings for services, Daniel Kenney 1 lb 3 shillings and 5 pence.
Inhabitants of lower end of town (now Middleton) asked for abatement of taxes for the Ministry. Passed in the negative.
(Above is digest of of vote taken off record by W.C.Parkhurst

March 12, 1728. It was put to the vote to see if the town would set off the two end of our town that have petitioned the towns this day to be set off with their lands to all intents and purposes, and it passed in the affirmative.
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Note

Southerly part of Boxford was set off for Middleton March 12, 1728. The bounds were the same as the original southwestern bounds of Boxford after town set off from Rowley in 1685. See town records.

Mrs. Lura Watkins who wrote Middleton History says:
"The section of Middleton that was originally Boxford was a strip not much more than a mile wide that was bounded on the east by the Ipswich River and on the west by a line agreed upon by Boxford and Salem in 1696. This boundary began at its southern most point at a hornbeam tree on the west bank of the river about one half mile south of the present Maple Street Bridge. It extended northwest on a course that took it back of the present Congregational Church and then north to Pout Pond and thence to a great rock in Boston Brook near what is now Munday Bridge on Liberty Street", -(this rock is bound of Boxford, Middleton and North Andover in 1971).

What was the "other end of town" set off at the same time as Middleton?

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Boxford March 17th 1729/30.

In as much as there was formerly a private way laid out from Thomas Andrews' Barn in Boxford, over part of his land near his said Barn south-easterly to Nathan Bixby's land near a great Rock that is betwixt said Andrews' and Bixby's land-it proving a great damage to said Andrews'-We the Subscribers have removed or turned the said Way as followeth,
beginning at or near the said Andrews' Barn, thence to turn up the hill as the old path now leads southeasterly betwixt Samuel Smith's land and the said Andrews' land till it comes to a stake with stones about it which is the corner bound betwixt the said Andrews, Smith and Bixby; thence turning southwardly on the westerly side of said Bound upon the said Andrews' land at the corner, so on to the path that leads along betwixt a pond hole and a hill, and so on till it meets with a private way laid out by Topsfield Selectmen in said Bixby's field.

The said Way is to lay two rods wide in every part of it.

Joseph Hale) The Selectmen
Thomas Perley) of
Joseph Symonds) said Town.

Notes as of 1955

Thomas Andrews' barn was about where the garage of Wm. C. Abbott, Jr. stands in 1955. Nathan Bixby's was probably the former Anderson place in Topsfield, after turning onto Lockwood Lane from Washington St. Road went by the old Titus place (the Upton place in 1955). In 1955 the road is closed from the end of Titus Road, but a private road goes from Lockwood Lane to the Upton place.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 11,1734/5

10th

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pass a sanction on the private way laid out by the Selectmen from the County Road, beginning between Mr. John Kimball's House and Jonathan Foster's House across to the Country road by Samuel Spofford's House and it passed in the Affirmative.

The said private way is bounded as follows, beginning by the road which leads from Andover to Ipswich between the Houses of Mr. John Kimball and Jonathan Foster, at the east side of a white oak tree, thence northerly, to lay two rods wide between said Kimball's and Foster's land in the line between them till it comes to a great rock in said Line, going to the east of said Rock and so on between two white oaks marked, and so on between land of Nathan Kimball and Jonathan Foster and Zebediah Foster to two more white oak trees marked, and so across said Foster's land, and Richard Tyler's and Samuel Tylers land, and across Samuel Spofford's land to the Country road by Samuel Spofford's House.

We have laid the said way two rods wide through the said Lands as aforesaid-the said Private way was laid out by

John Symonds) The
Timothy Stiles) Selectmen
March 22nd, 1733/4. Zebediah Foster) of Boxford.

(Valley Road)

Note as of 1955

Valley Road, to Woodbury's place (1955)
Beginning between John Kimball's (Fred Shaw place) on Ipswich Rd. and John Foster's (Foster-Bodwell place known in 1955 as Col. Stecker place) To Samuel Spofford's house (Lena Adams' house in 1955); to Spofford Rd. going through or east of Stephen Fowler house (oodbury's in 1955) to big rock still there known as "Eagle's Nest". Since Stephen Fowler lived there the farm was called "Eagle Nest Farm". See # 61 in "Dwellings of Boxford." Also #82.

Timothy Stiles, the Selectman was the first Tythingman in Boxford. A Selectman four different years. He lived and was first owner of the John W. Parkhurst house and farm on Brook View Rd.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford November the 20th 1739.

17th

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would disannul the way that lays over Mr. John Chadwick's land to the new Meeting house and it passed in the Negative.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pay Mr. Chadwick for the abovesaid way and it passed in the Negative.

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The following was copied from the Copy of the Proprietor's Record.

* Whear as Thair was Six men bought three thousand Acors of Land of marche-Joseph Juent of Rowley and by order of the Town of Rowley the Lot layers Ceame and layed out 18 hundred Acors of the above Sd land in a lump as peart of the above Sd Three thousand Acors; and the boundes of it is as followeth

bounded on the South sied with a broock Called the fishing brook and on the East with abel Langlyes farm; and on the north with mr northens and Dickesons farm and on the weast with good man pickards farme; this above Sd 18 hundred Acres thus bounded the then present owners of Sd land Ceam up and mead sum division of the greatest part of whot was sutabel for sotuation; and they layed out six houes lots in the greatplaien whour Abraham Rasington and Sargent Bixbe John Comings Robert Stiles William Foster and John Pebody all have lived and now doe live; and theas a bove Sd 6 hous lots wear to be tharty Acors eac- of them:

*Main St. & Old Road to Topsfield.

and then they had agreead how to lay thaier 6 lots they did all agree to lay out a Convenient Road way for thair cattel to go and com in from tiem to tiem with out let from goodman Langlyes farm to goodman pickards farm as neer the fishing brook as might bee for sotuation beast;

*Elm St.

also a nother broad Road way of twealve Rods in breadth from this first Road way to the hilles on the north sied of the plaien this broad waie of twealve Rod wied was to ly betwen the forth lot and the fifth lot which tow lots doe now belong to the Radingtons and the Dormans:

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The above record was probably the recollections of the above "six men" many years afterwards, who laid out part of Main Street and part of Topsfield Rd. in 1666. Also Elm St. (Twelve Rod Broad Rd.)

*Abel Langley's farm, is Robert Livermore's.
Goodman Pickard's farm, in vicinity of Bishop Sherrill's.
Mr. Northen's Farm, in the vicinity of Baldpate Pond (Reyner's)
See History of Boxford, page 40.
Dickesons farm, in vicinity of Baldpate Pond.
See History of Boxford, page 40.

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Abraham Redington, the William Walsh place on Main St.
Sargeant Bixby (Joseph) house lot opp. Miss Margaret Lane on Main St.
Robert Stiles, the W. P. Haynes' place north of Main St.
John Comings, probably north corner of Frye's Cor. including some of large field of W. P. Haynes and land in rear. Cor. Main & Middleton Rd.
John Peabody, the Milton E. Lord place, on Main St.
William Foster, the Gerrit Forte, Jr. place, on Topsfield Rd.
*Twelve Rod Broad Road was Elm St. Thru the Village.
"forth lot" or Redington's was Wm. Walsh's.
"fifth lot" or Dorman's was east side of Elm St. to Cemetery.
Hills" beyond cemetery, near Howard Butler's.
"Town Pasture", near Miss Sarah H. Gerst's place.

Was there a road at this time connectingold Topsfield Rd. past Joseph Bixby's to Twelve Rod Broad Rd . (Elm St.)? In other words up present Mill Rd. to Elm St.? Otherwise, how could Joseph Bixby and other men west of Bixby's pasture their cattle in the "Hills" too?

Copy of Proprietors Record

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At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the 3 thousand acors of land bought of mr Joseph Jueat of Rowley by our ansesters on the 19th of December 1710:

* 4. the proprietors a bove sd did a gree to lay an open hy waye from the meting houes to Josepph heals land in the path that Leften Pearly yous to goes to the meting hous in; and a long throu Joseph Pebodyes Eleven acore lot and so a long to Langley faerm

** At aproprietors meeting of the three thousand acores of land bought of mr Joseph Jueat of Rowley by Abraham Radington Frances Pebody Josaph Bixbe Thomas Dorman William Foster and Robert Stiels the Second day of may 1710: they Chose Sargent Joseph Bixbe modorator for the present meting, also ChoseJohn Pebody Clark of the proprietors to enter what orders votes and devisions of land they shal agree upon and also what hy waies they shal laye-out for the good of the proprietors in general also voted that Sargent bixbe Abraham Rading John Pebody Shal laye out such hy waies in the Eaight honderad acores beyond Samuel Pickers farm as shall be needful for cattel to goe and come with out gates or baers alowing what damige every man shall sustaien by such hy waies that may be layed out in land alredy layed out to such men as shal be damnefied by anney high way that may be layed out throw his land:

Voted also agreead that al the undidided land belonging to the presant owenars of the 3 thousend acors of land as a bove sd lyeath betwen the meting hous and Abraham Radingtons mr Rogers feel and William Fosteenrs feeld fance shal by comen for the naibor whod thair to feed thair cattel and other cretuers upon also thair shal by as much land comen fir Earbeg (?) betwen Sargent Bixbes houes and Samuel

Notes as of 1955

* Believe this was Chapman Lane and road through Chapman Woods to Depot Road and across to Langley Farm (Livermore's.
Lafton Thomas Perley lived in old house on site of large elm on lawn of Joseph Perkins in Howe Villafe, Rte 97.
Joseph Peabody's eleven acres,(Joseph, William and John were brothers.) was in Chapman's Woods. Road went through Chapman's or Peabody's Woods from first meeting house on Chapman Lane, out through woods near the Roy Durkee house off Depot Rd. Old Chapman house was on the right handside of the Lane before comingto brook near west end of Depot Pond, or little below "Widow Peabody's new mill". Afterwards Widoww Margaret Peabody (William's wife) built a little house near there on left side of road. (Above may have been course of Chapman Land later made a highway by the town.)

** Old Road from John W. Parkhurst's n. w. across present Lawrence Rd., above Stripper Meadows (owned by Mrs. Milton E. Lord) to near Edward K. Mortimer's to Main St. beyond Alerson Noyes' house at foot of hill by Maple Meadow. Was this road laid out May 2, 1710 or many years before as a way to go to meadows and "800 acres"? Proprietors's Records were probably recollections that were dated 1710 when their later records were made. There was no Lawrence Road until about 1870, so Brook View Road until then was one way to Andover.Brook View Rd. accepted 1763, but was a way to go to meadows for years.

(continued)

Notes continued as of 1955.

*Old Road from John W. Parkhurst's n. w. to Lawrence Rd. above Strippet Meadows, to near Edward K. Mortimer's to Main St. beyond Alerson Noyes' house atfoot of hill by Maple Meadow. Was it May ?, 1710 or before Town incorporation? Proprietor's records were probably recollections dated 1710. There was no Lawrence Rd. until about 1870. Brook View Rd. was one way to go to Andover.

Notes as of 1955

of their transactions and lay-out of roads and land divisions.
Samuel Pickard's farm was probably the present Bishop Sherrill and Spring-Atwood farms.
Eight hundred acres was roughly speaking the territory bounded by Andover line on the west, a straight line to Humphrey's or Cedar Pond on the north, by Wade's Brook on south east or (south in old record) and Fish Brook. See Proprietor's Records for bounds.
Wade's Brook from Cedar Pond to Kimball's Pond to Fish Brook near J. W. Parkhurst.
Road or way laid out from Fish Brook, south west of Timothy Stiles' (John W. Parkhurst's House on Brook View Rd.) over old Fordway (back of present barn at Parkhurst place) northwest as path runs in 1955 over an old stone bridge at upper end of Strippet Meadow now owned by Mrs. Milton E. Lord) to path north west of Edward K. Mortimer's house on Mortimer Rd. which was then the road laid out in 1686 from training field to n. w. end of town".
There was no Lawrence Rd. then, but road can be followed by old path which crosses Lawrence Rd. a few rods above Strippet Meadow.
Sgt. Bixby then owned land west of Parkhurst(then Timothy Stiles').
Way from the Meadows was brought out this way over the Fordway to the present Brook View Rd. south of Parkhurst's house.

Common
All undivided land belonging to the owners of the 3000 acres that lay between the 1st. Meeting House, Abraham Redington's, Mr. Roger's field (the Robert Poor field probably), and Wm. Foster's field (Gerrit Forte, Jr. field cor. Cross Rd. & Topsfield Rd.) made common for the neighborhood to feed cattle on. Territory included present north and south common, where church building now stands, as well as sides of the broad road through village.

Picardes farem by the by wales as thair is in this trackt of
land lying by mr Rogerses house for cretuers to feod upon which
belong to the naibor whood their a boutes
Voted attest John Pebody

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Copied from Volume 2, Town Meeting Records,
from 1741-1793.

March 30, 1767

I, the Subscriber promise and engage for myself Heirs and Assigns that I never will interrupt or Hinder any Person or Persons passing or repassing a Cross the Land which I have Bought of Richard Peabody Guardian to Nathan Burnam where the Road was Layd out from the Meeting House to the Road leading from Andover to Ipswich in the year 172-/3 for the same purpose and ass the said Road was layd out For Witness my hand
Daniel Chapman ye 3d

Signed in presence of
Aaron Wood Town Clerk
and in the presence of
Paul Prichard
Thos Wood

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At a town meeting held March 8, 1747.

4. it was put whether the town would disanul the way or some part of it that was laid out in 1708: to Joseph Barnes(viz) from the Road that Lead to Nathl Peabody once livd. ye Road was layd over north side of Comings Land over ye plain & Brook & it passed in ye Negative

5. it was put whether the town would pay Mr. John Chadwick for ye Damage of sd Road Going through His Land and it passed in the Negative

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At a town meeting held March 14, 1748.

It was put to the vote whether ye way should be nul that Goes over Land of Mr. John Chadwick over ye brook and plain as Is Expressed in the warrant of ye present meeting and it passed in the Negative.

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It was also put whether ye High way Going over Land of Mr. Benj. Porter to Mr. Noyes Land should be null & it passed in the Negative.

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At a town meeting held March 10, 1752.

18ly

It was put to vote to see if ye Town would Establish approbate and Confirm a private way or Town Road Laid out by ye Selectmen of Boxford on ye Southwesterly sid of ye Brook through Ephraim Chadwick's Land & Through ye Land of John Chadwick Jur. in or near near people pass to ye meeting House in ye Second Parish in Boxford as may fully appear by ye Return of sd Rode. Was this road to Ruby Mason's?
(See page 21) (See note below)
(nulled)

& also To nul and make voide a way formerly Laid out from where the above sd Rode begins over ye Brook & Plain to ye Rode from Noyes & posbodys to ye abovesd meeting House. And it past in ye affirmative.

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At a town meeting held March 13, 1753.

14ly

It was put to Vote to see if ye Town will pay Mr. John Chadwick the Damage That ye Jury has apprised the way at Laid through his Land by ye Court, and it past in the negative.

At a town meeting held May 23, 1753.

3ly

It was put to Vote to see if the Town will pay Mr. John Chadwick the Damage that the Jury has apprised the way at Laid through his Land By the Court, and it passt in the negative.

Note as of 1955

Old Meeting House was on Glendale Road about where the Houldsworth's house stands. Porter Brook and Geo. Gemmell's field probably.

At a town meeting held March 12, 1754.

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19.

The Town Chose Thomas Andrews Nathan Wood & Thomas Perley a Comtee to Treat with Mr. John Chadwick and see on what terms he will agree with the Town on account of a Road Laid out over his Land by order of the Honbl. Sessions of the peace; and to make Report to the Town.

20.

It was put to Vote to see if the Town would Establish a private Town Way Layd out by the Selectmen of Boxford from Moses Kemess gate to Middletown Line as may appear by ye Return of sd Road, and it past in the affearmitive.
(Main St. from Wood's Cor., Maple Ave. Main St. to Middleton Rd. and Middleton Rd. to Middleton Line on Endicott Rd.)

21.

It was put to vote to see If the Town would Establish a way Laid out By the Selectmen of Boxford from Mr. John Symonds, Land to the Road that Leads from Andover to Topsfield; as may appear by ye Return of sd Road, and it past in the affermative.

The returns of ye above sd Roads ar as followeth
All The Desire of a number of petitioners for a way from Tylers plain To Middleton Line- We The Subscribers Have Laid out a private Town way one rod and half wide Begining at Moses Kemess Cart gate by ye Road that Leads from Andover to Ipswich Leading into Land of moses Kemes & as ye parth now goes on sd Kemes is Land betwen his two Barns so on as ye parth now goes to Land of Jonathan Kemes so on as the way now goes to Land of Richard Kimball so on as ye parth Now goes to Land of Amos Kimball and so on as the parth now goes By the East End of sd Kimballs House to ye Road that leads from Andover to Topsfield. Then from Emerys Gate by sd Road thro' Emerys land as ye path now goes to ye fishing Brook to Jonathan Bixby's Land and through sd Bixbys Land to John Stiles is Land & Through sd Stiles Land as ye parth goes to ye wd, Sarah Kinsmans Land and

See Page 80 of this book re Gate, etc.
See page 109 & 184

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Through sd Simmons Land to Stephen Goulds Land & Through sd Goulds Land as ye parth now goes to Land of Jacob Cumings and through His Land as the parth now goes to Ebenezer Curtice Land & through sd Curtices is Land as ye path now goes to Land of Mr. Nathl Symonds & Through sd Symonds is Land as ye path now goes to Land of John Symonds & through His Land as ye parth now goes to John Goulds Land and Through said Goulds Land as ye parth now goes to James Curtices Land & Through sd Curtices Land as ye path now goes to Land of Joseph Curtice & Through his Land as ye parth now goes to Land of James Curtice Jnr & through His Land as ye parth now goes to Land of the widow Miles & William Miles and Through their Land as ye parth now goes To Land of Ebenezer Killam & Through sd Killams Land as ye parth now goes to Land of John Killam & through sd Johns Land as ye parth no. goes to Land of ye widow Standley & through her Land as ye parth now goes to gots Land Land & through sd gots Land as ye parth now goes to ye above sd John Killams Land and through said Killams Land as ye parth now goes to Midleton Line.
Boxford, Febr. ye 26:1754

Jonathan Foster) Selectmen
Richard Kimball) for
John peabody junr) Boxford

* See pg. 109 & 184

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This may Certify That we ye Subscribers have Laid out a private way one Rod & half wide

Beginning at ye North Side of Mr. John Symonds: Land a Cross ye widow Hannah Andrews is Land to Land of Thomas perkins & a Cross sd perkins Land to ye Road that Leads from Andover to Topsfield the above sd way to goe where ye path now goes Laid out by us ------
Boxford Febr ye 26:1754

Jonathan Foster) Selectmen
Richard Kimball) for
John peabody jnr) Boxford

Road from Simon Lockwoods to Titus Rd. Later discont'd. Path visible.

* Notes as of 1955 See page 109

Moses Nemes lived on north side of Cole's Hill on Main St.; house on west side of street, and a barn on each side of the road; Jonathon Nemes' land (old Cole place or Pratt place in 1955); Amos Kimball's was the Byron Killam or Andersen place on Maple Ave. in 1955; to Foster St. then via Main St. to Frye's Cor. Emery lived east of house at Frye's Cor. occupied by Horace Moore in 1955, owned by Bertha Perley; then via Middleton Rd.

Notes continued as of 1955

to Cole's Bridge 1955; Jonathan Bixby's land is that of Gardner Starrett in 1955; thru it to land of John Stiles (Townsend's 1955) to Sid. Kinsman's (land north of Mrs. Louis Atherton's summer residence 1955; to Stephen Gould's land (lived at Atherton place); to Jacob Cummings' land (lived at Frank M. Gould's place 1955) the road was nearer the house then; to Ebenezer Curtis' (Mrs. E. J. Holmes' place 1955, in front of the present house 1955); to Nathaniel Symond's land (his house was east of the former Andrew Frame house (new house) built by Mdme Lockwood; barn was nearer the road); to land of John Symonds' (at Geo. Switchell or land of Dimon Lockwood (1955); to John Gould's place (Hitchcock 1955); to (Holmes) and (Means) to Miles' land (house across the road from the Means' house; by Means' place to Killam's (Middleton Rd. to Middleton. here was Widow Standley's? Not sure of exact course in this lower Middleton Rd. area, as many old paths and woodland roads. Evidently Symonds owned land on Middleton Rd.

At a town meeting held March 11, 1755.

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15ly

Voted to Establish approbate and Confirm a private way or Town Road Through from Andover Line to Bradford Line Through ye Land of Mr. Nathan Nemes & others, as may appear by the Return of the Selectmen

Lake Shore Road.

The Return of ye above sd way Is as followeth-
As There has been a petition of Sundry Inhabitants of ye Town of Boxford preferd To us the Subscribers & To Lay out a private Town way from Andover Line to Bradford Line, and answer thereto we have Laid out a privat Town Way or Road Two Rods in wedth-Beginning at Andover Line at a White Oake Tree Standing in or near sd Line the Way to Extend Two Rods to ye North of sd Tree then Easterly on The Land of Mr. Nathan Nemes to a heap of Stones In a hollow Then on ye Northarly Side of a Rock and so along about Four Rods on ye North of his Barn into ye Way that Leads to ye house formerly Nathaniel Hardys Decd on ye Southerly side of ye same Through ye Land Belonging to ye Heirs of Stephen Runnels Decd To ye Land of Luke Novey as ye path now is made & through sd Noveys Land to a way Laid out & allowed by ye proprietors of Nelsons farm So Calld into the way that Lyes between ye Land of Thomas Peabody and Sherwin then to ye Land in the possession of William Lakeman and as the parth now is made to ye Corner of parls Land then as ye path or way formerly was made to Land belonging to Sherwin the betwen the Land of sd Lakeman & sd Sherwin whare ye path was made formerly to ye Land now belonging to Josiah Sessions and Throu His Land as ye path now is made By the Saw mill to Bradford Line.
sd way to be two Rods wide In all places as aforesd.
And as the prayer of the sd petition Doth not Debarr any from hanging gates for their owne benifit so we have Laid out ye above sd way to ye prayer thereof
Dated March ye 11th AD;1755.

Notes as of 1955

Lake Shore Road and Washington Street. Andover line to Nathan Nemes' (Henry Nason's in 1955) on Washington St. (north side of Nemes' barn to Washington St. to Lake Shore Rd. and thru Stephen Runnell's land (toward Nason's) to Luke Novey's (His old house was opposite Pearl or Bergstrom place (1955) to four corners at Main St., between Thomas Peabody's (near cor. Oak Ridge and Lake Shore Rds) and Sherwin's (near Warren Chadwick's new barn 1955) (See page 232 "Dwellings of Boxford" re road east of the house), to William Lakeman's land (between Sherwin's land and George Pearl's) by path to old saw mill and land of Sessions on Washington Street (old path from Lake Shore Rd. to Geo. Doherty or Smith place near

Notes continued as of 1955

Regan house on Washington St.) along Washington St. past house of Dr. Walter Ingall's to past next house on right, turning back of former Addie Stafford house (painted red and restored in 1955), along the dam of small pond through woods and field to Up Tack Rd. at Bradford (1955 Groveland line). Old Rd. visible 1955.
See old Valuation book re Carletons.

Job Tyler) Selectmen
Thomas peabody) of
Thomas Andrews) Boxford
Thomas perley)

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61y

At a Town Meeting held May 21, 1759,

put to Vote To See if ye Town will have an open High Way from the id Emerys Corner as the Way now goes to Middletown Line and itt past in the Negative (Middleton Rd)

71y

Put to Vote to See if the Town Will have an open High Way from Andover Line to Topsfield Beginning at the Grate White Oke tree* Which is a bounds Btwen Andover and Boxford so on ye South Side of Boxford as ye Way now goes to Topsfield Line and it past In the Negitive (*Foster St.)

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At a Town Meeting held March 10, 1761,

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse an Agent to Petition the Court of ye General Sessions of the peace next to be holden at Ipswich on the last Tuesday in March next to alter the Road lately Laid out by said County in Boxford From Emorys Gate to Midletown Line in those Places that the Committee has altered From the Town Road Formerly Layd out by said Town into said Town Road unless the owners of said Land will make the Road good and Peasable in the place where the Road is now layd on their own Cost and Charge--And it past in the Negative. Fryc's Cor.

At a Town Meeting held Sept. 16, 1761

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it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse a Committee Joyntly and Severaly in behalf of the Town to petition the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be Holden at Newburry on ye 20th of Sepm Instant Not to receive the Report of ye Courts Committee Lately on the Road From Curtiss Gate to Andrews Barn but Continue the Road as Formerly Layd out and it past in the Afarmitive

7

Chose Mr. Luke Hovey Mr. Richard Kimbal Capt Isaac Adams And Mr Jonathan Foster a Committee For the purpose aforesaid-

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At a Town Meeting held October 12, 1761,

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8ly

it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee joyntly and Severaly in behalf of the Town to meet the Courts Committee who are Ordered to renew the yd Road Lately Layd out from Mr. Thomas Andrews Barn by ye Mill to Curtises Gate; and it past in the afarmitive-

9ly

Chose Mr. Luke Hovey Capt Isaac Adams Aaron ood Capt. Francis Peabody and Mr. Richard Kimball a Committee For the purpose afore said-

10ly

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse a Nother Committee to Meet the Committee ordered by the Court to view the Road Petitioned for by Rowley People and Others in our Town and to hear the pleas made there on and also to agree where Said Road Shall be if they Can other wise Defend the Town at yd Sessions till the Matter be Determined, and it past in ye afarmitive

11ly

Chose Mr Luke Hovey Mr Jacob Cummings Capt. Isaac Adams Mr Jonathan ood & Mr James Andrews a Committee for the purpose afore said-

6ly

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse a Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of our Town Relating to high ways and Roads and to Lay out Such Roads and High ways as Shall appear to them to be Necessary for the Town and County and ascertain ye Places and bredth and Cources of said Roads and also Apprize ye Damages to every Mans property by sd Roads and Make Report to the Town at the Annual Meeting in March next to see if the Town will Approbate them or any of them and it past in the Afermitive

7ly

Chose (Deacon) Dean Thomas Chadwick Capt Francis Perley Mr John Peabody Mr Thomas Perley and Mr Jonathan Wood a Committee For the purpose afore said-

At a Town Meeting held March 9, 1768,

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Paul Prichard promised to the Town to give his Land Absolutely to the Town Thro which the Following Road goes as Far as it goes on his Land

Daniel Black promised to the Town to give his Land to them thro which the Following Road goes on his Land until others in the Town are payd For Roads going thro their Land.

John Butman promised to give his Land to the Town Absolutely thro which the Following Road goes on his Land

4

the Town Voted to Accept and Approbate the Return of a Road Lately Layd out by the Town Committee as appears by the Following plan

From Rowley Line near to Capt. Perkings & so on to Mr Thos Perleys Nussery---the plan is as Follows (viz)

Beginning at Rowley Line to the East of Capt Nathaniel Perkings the Easterly side a Stake and Stones From thence Running South 4 Degrees & 30 Minuets E 6 Chains and 20 Links to a Stake and Stones

From thence south 17 Degrees W: 9 Chains & 6 Links to a Stake and Stones thence S 36 Degrees W 7 Chains & 75 Links to a sta and s- in Blacks Land thence S 11 Degrees & 30 Minuets W-3 Chains and 50 Links to a White Oake tree in said Blacks Land thence S 46 Degrees W- 2 Chains And 50 Links to a Stake and Stones in said Blacks Land thence S 27 Degrees & 35 N W 5 Chains & 70 Links to a Stake & Stones in Blacks Land thence S 9 Degrees E 4: Chains & 26: Links to the Corner of Butmans wall, thence S 2 Degrees E: 4 Chains to the North west Corner of Butmans Orchard: which Road is to Extend 2 Rods wide upon all the afore Mentioned Distances to the West we have also Continued to lay out Said Road From ye a fore said Corner of Butmans Orchard as the Fence now Stands on Each Side the way Leading to Andover Road along by Ezeskel Jewetts House William Perleys and so to sd Andover Road by Thomas Perleys Nussery (Andover Rd. or Ips. Rd.)

Notes of 1955

Georgetown Rd. from old road by Post House or Nazen House near James Gray's (1955), to Killam Road or Rte 97, to corner of Kelsey Rd. and Rte 97, to Jewett's house (east of Paul L. Killam's house (1955), to William Perley's (1955 it is East Boxford Post Office) to Thomas Perley's Nursery (believed to have been orchard in cor. Dr. N. Murray's land 1955) at cor. Dr. Murray's private road and Rte. 97 East Boxford, known as Andover Rd. or Ipswich Rd. (Ipswich Rd. from cor. of dead-end Ipswich Rd. 1955, along Ipswich Rd. to Topsfield, Ipswich Rd. on Linebrook Rd.
Not sure of route from Georgetown Rd. to Kelsey Rd.

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Boxford, November ye 16;1751

Solomon Wood Surveyor-

Thomas Chadwick)
Francis Perley) Committee
John Peabody)

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the Town Voted to Chuse a Committee in their Behalf and Impowered them to Act Joyntly and Severally to See if they can prevent any Publick Charge Comming on the Town by means of the Road being lately Laid out From Middleton Line to Andrews Barn and also to get the Road from Thomas Andrews Barn to the poppler Tree Mald And Have it Continued From the Popler Tree to Emerys Gate as it was First Layd out by the Courts Committee or as Near it as May be with the Best Convenency and in Order to Compleat the Same to Petition any Court or Courts Whatsoever And Also to pursue the Same in Any Court or Courts and to do Any Thing Respecting the Premises they Shall Think proper untill the whole Shall be Legaly and Finaly Desided

10 11

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would pay the Money that the Sessions has Ordered the Men that Live on the Road Lately Laid out from Middelton Line to the Popler Tree in Boxford and it past in the Negative-

10 with above 10

Chose Aaron Wood Capt. Isaac Adams and Mr. Luke Hovey a Committee For the Purpose Aforsd.

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The Poppler Tree or Poplar Corner, cor. Mill Rd. and Middleton Roads.

Oak Tree Corner, corner of Ipswich and Dresser or Herrick Rds.

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The Remonstrance of the Subscribers Inhabitants and Freeholders of Boxford Sheweth that the Chusing a Committee to act as mentioned in the 6th Article of the Warrant directly tends to Make Needless Charge and ovation (?) Much ovation (?) in the Town for the Court of Sessions having Layd out the Way by Committee And Heard all parties and many Debates Concerning it Will not Readily hear Much Less Grant the prayer of any Petitions For an Alteration of the Way therefore as we doubt not that much needless Cost will be Occationed by this proceeding and no advantage to any but uneasy and Restless Persons we hope the Town will not Choose Any Such Committee as is Mentioned or Impower them to Act But at the Charge of those Persons who desire the alteration- we hereby therefore protest against Such Illegal proceedings to Bring Charge on the Town and Trouble on Many of the Inhabitants and pray this our protest May be Filed by the Clerk

Dated Boxford March ye 12; 1762-

Nathaniel Symonds
James Curtis
John Killam
Ebenezer Curtis
Jonathan Town
James Curtis Jnr
Joseph Curtis
Nathll Perley
Joseph Hale
William Fills
Stephen Symonds
John Symonds
Nathaniel Smith
Daniel Curtis
Abner Hale
Joseph Hale jun
Asa Perley

Daniel Black
Paul Prichard
Francis Perley
Daniel Nurss
John Hale
Abrm Rodington
Aplm Kimball
Ezra Stiles
John Smith
Thomas Kimball
Joseph Brown
Nathaniel Andrews
Thos Andrews
Benjamin Goodridge
Retire Bacon
Ephraim Kimball Jun
John Butman
Benjamin Perley
William Perley-

(What was Article 6 of the Warrant?)

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At a Town Meeting held March 8, 1763,

20
Brook View and part of Lawrence Rd.
* it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Accept of the Road lately layd out From Andover line by Ezra Stiless to the Road by Ephraim Kimballs agreeable to a plan thereof taken by Mr. Moody Bridges Nov. 1762 and it past in the Negative

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21y At a Town Meeting held Dec. 5, 1763,

it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote to Raise a Sufficient Sum of Money to pay the Several Sums of money that John Stiles Jacob Cummings and Stephen Gould have Sued the Inhabitants of Said Boxford for and the Charges thereby arison it being for what was allowed them by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held in Salem in and for said County of Essex on December 1761; upon the Act of the County Road latly layd out thro their land and it past in the Negative

31y

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Vote to Chose a Committee And Impower them Joyntly and Severaly to defend the Causses in behalf of the Inhabitants of Boxford against the Several Pets. aford
Namely John Stiles Jacob Cummings and Stephen Gould which Causes they the Said Pets. have Commenced against said Inhabitants in doing of which to Petition any Court or Courts for any thing or things and to do every thing in defending Said Causes against Said Pets. the said Committee shall think Necessary in any Court or Courts untill said Causes shall be Finaly determined- and it past in the afermitive-

4th
The Town Voted that Aaron Wood Luke Hovey and Isaac Adams Should be a Committee for the purpose afsd-

Notes as of 1955

*Ezra Stiles lived where John W. Parkhurst lives on Brook View Road. The road to Ephraim Kimball's was Main St. at corner of Lawrence Rd. and Main St.

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At a Town Meeting held March 13, 1764,

12ly

* Voted to Except of a Highway beginning at the Gate south of the House of Aaron Wood Esqr. Running to the Town pasture in the First Parish in Boxford agreeable to a plan taken by Solomon Wood Febr 9; 1764 in Lieu so far (?) of a Road that was layd Laid out from Andover Road to the Meeting House by Samuel Symonds Daniel Wood Joseph Hale and John Stiles Novm 25, 1702 which plan is recorded on the other side of this leaf-

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The Following is a plan of the Highway Mentioned on the other side of this leaf-

Beginning at the Gate South of the House of Aaron Wood Esqr thence Running on the East Side S 37; Degrees west 62 Rods to a stake and stones S 41 Drs W to a stake and stones 31 Rods thence 71 D: 25R: to ye North west of Richard Peabodys House thence S: 17: D: W: to a stake and stones by Peabody well 40 R thence 133 D W 22 R to a White oake tree thence S 34 W: 23 R and 6 tenths to the Widow Goulds Land one Rod West of the Corner Thence S 28: D: W 17: R to a stake at Benjamin Goodridges Land thence S 21: D W: to a stake and stones 14 R- in Goodridges Land thence S 29 D. W 20 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence S 41 D W 22 R to a Stake and Stones by the Road that Leads to the Meeting House thence S 22 D: E 19 Rods 4ths to a Stake and Stones thence S 30 D E 10 Rods to a Stake and Stones at Puswills Land- thence Setting off two Rod on a per pendiculer West to a Stake and Stones from thence Running on the West side of the Road to the Meeting House Running from the off set S 13; D: E: 62 Rods to the Corner of Goodridges Land-
the a Foregoing Plan was taken by Solomon Wood Surveyor-
Febr. 9: 1764

Notes as of 1955

* The Town Pasture was back of in front of home of Miss Sarah H. Gerst, or the Dr. Stevens' place, off Georgetown Rd. (B.T. Attmds in 1967)

Aaron Wood's house was at the junction of Ipswich Rd. and Georgetown Rd., on northeast corner- on Kelsey Nursery.

See "Dwellings of Boxford" for locations of houses.

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At a Town Meeting held May 22, 1764,

6
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would raise money to pay John Stiles Jacob Cummings & Stephen Gould with that they have a judment of Court for against the Inhabitants of this Town and it past in the Afermitive

Mill Road
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Vote the Money to Abraham Redington which the Honorerable Courts Committee a warded Thomas Andrews for the Road going through his Land from the Road Leading From Andover to Topsfield to the Mill and the Town Voted the said Redington Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence provided he would secure the Town from any Demands of Thomas Andrews for the Money the Said Court awarded him-
And the Said Reddington promised to be Contented therewith-

8
the Town Voted to allow Capt Nathil Perkings Fifteen Pounds he at the same time promising that should be in full for what the Court a warded him for the Roads going thro his Landd-

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3 At a Town Meeting held Sept. 18, 1764,

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would have the Road leading From Aaron Wood Esqr to the Meeting House Layd a Cross the Towns Pasture as it was planned by Solomon Wood and it past in the Negative

(from Cor. Georgetown Rd and Herrick Rd. back of Trull's house and in back of Stevens-Gerst house, to Georgetown Rd. and west of present water hole coming along into present Georgetown Rd. near cemetery.)

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would pay the Money (that was awarded John Symonds for the County Rode going thro his Land) to Mr. Paul Prichard Attorney to the said Symonds he giving the Town a Proper Discharge and it past in the Negative

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At a Town Meeting held March 15, 1765,

13
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Except of a high way two Rods wide thro the Towns pasture and the land belonging to the Heirs of John Buswill to the Road by the Meeting House, and it past in the Negative

Part of Georgetown Road.
it was put to the Vote to see if the Town would except of the Road as it now goes as it is marked on the plan taken by Solomon Wood and it past in the Afirmitive which plan is as follows

beginning at a Stake and stones on the North side of the Old way thence S 61: D E 16 Rods to a stake and stones thence S 23 D E 14 to a stake and stones thence S 6 D E 10 R to a white oake Tree thence S 16: D E 8 R to a stake and stones thence S 6 D W 20: R to a stake and stones thence S 3 D and 3 minets E 38 Rods to the Horse Stable

Solomon Wood
Surveyor-

(From Herrick's Cor. to Horse House by north gate of Village Cemetery) Part discontinued later,-probably part of road back and front of Miss Gerst's house (1955) etc. Did not go thru Town Pasture, west of Gerst house.

*15 Brook View Road & Lawrence Road.
the Town Voted to accept of a High way From Ezra Stiles to the Road by Joshua Reas agreeable to a plan thereof taken by Solomon Wood: which plan is as follows (viz)
Beginning the Northerly side of Reas by the Corner of the old wall thence Running South 90 D W 6 Rods to a stake thence N 81 D W 13 Rods & 3 tenths to a stake thence N 60 Ds W 14 Rods 6 tenths to a stake thence N 34d W 34 Rods to the End of the Wall thence No 63 Ds W 20 Rods to a stake and stones thence N 55 Ds W 12 Rods 6 tenths to ye Corner of Pickards wall thence S 78 DsW 18 Rods to a stake and stones thence S 65 D W 12 Rods to a stake and stones thence S 49 Ds W 18 R 6 tenths to a stake and stones thence 69 Ds 40 minets W 8 Rods to a stump thence S 41 Ds W 36 Rods to the North west Corner of Mrs Stiless House

Selectmen (Aaron Wood
(Aaron Kimball
(Asa Perley

Dated March 1, 1765
Surveyor Solomon Wood

(Brook View and part of Lawrence Road)

*Brook View Road from Ezra Stiles, at north west corner of his house (John W. Parkhurst's in 1955) to Lawrence Rd. at corner of Main St. then known as Rae's Corner.
Road laid out to Andover line on Brook View Rd. at same time remainder of Brook View laid out, but not accepted until April 5, 1800.
See page 51.

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16
the Town Voted to allow Ens Ebenezer Curtis two Pounds in full for what the Court allowed Him for the Rods going thro his land From the Popler Tree to Townss land

17
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would allow the Money to Jonathan Town John Killam William Hills Jacob Gould Nathaniel Symonds & Ebenezer Curtis which they have sewed the Town For and it past in the Negative

18
The Town Voted to Chuse a Committee to Defend the Town against the aforsd Jonathan Town and others-
and chose John Hale) (and gave the said
Solomon Wood &)Committee)Committee Full power to
Asa Perley-) (act Joyntly or Severaly

Also gave said Committee Instructions in the Words Following (viz)
Voted yt the Committee Chosen to answer the action Commenced against the Town for pay for the Rods going a Cross their land (viz) Jona Towns and others shall have Power to Petition yd Court for an other Committee or answer the plantifs at yd next Court according to their Best Judment, to get a Continuence or appear From Judment if Need be as they think proper and make Return of their doings to ye Town as soon as maybe

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6
At a Town Meeting held May 21, 1765,
Voted that Lt John Hale Capt Asa Perley & Mr. Solomon Wood should be a Committee to Defend the action still Depending between Jonathan Town John Killam William Hills Jacob Gould Nathaniel Symonds & Ebenezer Curtis and the Inhabitants of This Town-

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21y

At a Town Meeting held June 17, 1765,

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Impower the Committee or either of Them who was chosen May ye 21 1765 as a Committee to Defend the Town a gainst the actions commineed by Jonathan Town Jacob Gould and Others to do anything in refrence thereto that they shall think most proper Either to Defend or Settle in Behalf of the Town, and it past in the Afermitive-

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19th At a Town Meeting held March 11, 1765,

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Petition the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be Holden at Ipswich for a Committee to revise the Assessment of the Damages upon the Road thro part of this Town to Middleton line agreeable to the Order of the Great and General Court of this Provine: of Febr 19:1766 on the Petition of John Hale and Asa Perley and Impowered said Committee to act Joyntly and Severally in the affair -

21st
it was put to vote to see if the Town would Continue the Road as a Town Road from Emorys Gate (so called) as far as to the South side of Elisha Towns Land & so to the County Road Leading from Middleton Northerly by Stiles and Fosters Mills and give the Proprietors of the Land thro which the said Road goes Liberty to Hang and Keep gates a Cross said Road as many as the said Proprietors shall have occation for their own Convency and to Continue them during the Towns Pleasuer, and it past in the Afermitive

Notes as of 1955

Stiles and Fosters Mills were the mill Owned by Mr. Charles Chaplin, known as Howe's Mill on Fish Brook at Mill Road.

Emorys Gate was at Frye's Corner.

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3 At a Town Meeting held May 20, 1765,

Voted to Chuse a Committee in behalf of the Town to answer to and defend the Town at any Court or Courts a gainst the Actions Comenced a gainst said Town by Jacob Gould and others and to Make answer to the Report that may be Made by the Committee appointed by the Honorable Court of Sessions last March to Revise the damages of a way being Lyd out thro Land of the said Gould & others and said Committee to act Joyntly or Severaly- and accordingly Chose Mr Solomon Wood Capt Asa Perley and Liet John Hale a Committee

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9 At a Town Meeting held October 28, 1766,

Voted that the Committee (viz) Solomon Wood John Hale and Asa Perley Chose to defend the action now depending between the Town and Jacob Gould and others Shall have an additional Power to agree and Settle with the said Jacob Gould and others in behalf of the Town or still defend the actions to final End and Judment as the said Committee shall think proper.

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a Record of the Receipts John Killam and others - (viz) This May Certifye that the we the subscribers have Settled with the Towns Committee Respecting the actions Depending Between the Town of Boxford & us For damages & cost on account of Road Each of us the sums prefixt a gainst our names

Boxford Octor ye 28: 1766

John Killam	21: 6: 8
William Ellis	7: 1: 10
Jacob Gould	8:13: 4
Jonathan Town	13: 6: 8
Nathaniel Penbody	6:00: 0
Total	55: 8: 0

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Boxford, October 29, 1766
Then recd of Thomas Perley & Abrm Redington security by Noted of Hand for the payment of the sum of twenty Pound Lawfull money it being for cost and Damages of a High way through my Land Judment for the same sum being obtained at the last Inferiour Court of Common pleases holden at Newbury Port on the lastTeusday of Sepr last past and do hereby acquit and Discharge the Town of Boxford of all and Every demand I have against said Town on accent of said Judment
Ebenezer Curtis

Attest(Moses Putnam
(Sarah Redington

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16 At a Town Meeting held March 10, 1767
it was put to vote to see if the Town would open a way Formerly layd out from Daniel Nurses to Andover Road- and it past in the Negative.

16 It was put to Vote to see if the Road Leading from Daniel Nurses to the County Road should no Mended by the Town and it past in the aformative

Note as of 1956

* Old road in the Marden fiell west of Georgetown Road. Daniel Nurse lived at Joseph Killam place. See "Dwellings of Boxford". Between that place and Ipswich Road opp. Stevens Pond.

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12 At a Town Meeting held March 22, 1768,
* it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Except of a Road (?) Lately laid out From a gate between Richard Tyler's Land and of Capt. Isaac Adams Northerly nar s id Tylers House to the County Road near said Adams Barn' and null the Former Road laid out from said gate to the Cou ty Road near Amos Spofford's Barn- And it past in the afermative (Spofford Road ?)
the Road Excepted is Describe on a plan taken by Moses Hale Febr 10 1768 and is as follows (viz)
beginning at the above said gate Running 75 Rods 52 Degrees East then 33 Rod North 67 Degrees East

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2 At a Town Meeting held March 8, 1768,

Chose Mesr Richard Kimball Jonathan Foster and Deacn Joseph Hovey a Committee and Impowered them to agree with Deac Thomas Chadwick Respecting the actions the said Thos Has Commences a gainst the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boxford the damages a warded John Chadwick by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the year 1752 and the said Committee to Make report to the Town upon the Adjourment of this Meeting for the Towns Exceptance if the said Committee and Chadwick shall agree
(This was Deacon Thomas Chadwick)

At an adjourned Meeting held March 22, 1768,
And then met
and Voted that Mess Richard Kimball Jonathan Foster And Dean (Deacon) Joseph Howey Shall Still be a Committee to settle the action with Dean (Deacon) Thos Chadwick which he has Commenced a gainst the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford for damages a warded John Chadwick Late of said Boxford by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the year 1752 For the Roads being Layd thro the said John Chadwicks Land and if they Cannot a gree with the said Thomas Chadwick; then to answer him in

Notes as of 1955

* Is it part of Spofford Road? From gate between Richard Tyler's land (lived on south side of Spofford Road (house gone probably) to Isaac Adams' barn near present Willow Road. (Jerone Cross' in 1955)

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behalf of the Town at Court respecting said action,-
if they shall a gree then to make report to the Town at the
Town Meeting In May next for the Towns Exce,tance

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 22, 1768,

3 ly

Voted to Except the Report of a Committee in the Words
Following (viz)
a greeable to a Vote of the Town of Boxford March 2? 1768:
To the Subscribers have agreed with the Chadwick in the
Following Manner (viz) the said Chadwick doth promise & Engage
that upon the Towns Voting him 3: 14s:8p the Money paid
John Chadwick Junr and the simple Interest of said sum a Mounting
to 3: 11s: 7d 2 (?) and the Charges In Commencing said action
against said Town a Mounting 1: 4 s: 8D the Whole being
8: 10 11: 2 Lawfull Money that he will trouble the Town no
Further till others are paid for their Roads in said Town; and
further-more the said Chadwick doth promise that when ever he
shall Receive the full of what was awarded John Chadwick Late
of Boxford Deceased by the General Sessions of the Peace he will
Reduct out of said award the above said sum of 8 10 11:2
Boxford May 16th 1768

Thomas Chadwick

Richard Kimball)
Jonn Foster Jur) Committee
Jos. Hovey

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At a Town Meeting held March 14, 1759,

14ly

Voted Mr Ephraim Chadwick the sum of two Pounds Eleven Shillins and four pence in full for the Principal and Interest of the Money he paid his Brother John Chadwick For the Roads going thro his Land: And whenever the County Roads in this Town shall be paid for in general then this same sum of two pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence is to go toward paying the said Ephraim his proportion of what shall be allowed him for Roads going thro his Land-

15 ly Barker Rd.

*Voted to Except of a way Laid out by the Select-Men on the Petition of Abraham Peabody & others according to the Plan which is in the following words (viz)

From Andover Line the Road runs on Mr John Hoveys Land One Hundred and Seventy Three Rods: Then on Middletons Lindalls Cross the Wido Websters Hoveys & the Wido Woods Seventy Eight Rods Then on Samuel Kimballs & Ebenezer Middletons Seventy Five Roads

From Bradford Line thro Middletons Fifty one Rods then (Main St. (old road))

**Thro Kimballs to Peabodys Land One Hundred and four Rods Then on Abm & Nathaniel Peabodys Land One Hundred & fourteen Rods which Reaches to Mr N Peabodys House-

From Andover Line the Road Takes its Course North-Easterly Till a Bout twenty eight Rods to the east of Kimballs Barn. Then from Bradford Line it Runs South-Easterly Course till it Comes to Mr. Peabodys- (Nathaniel Peabody's House at John G. Bolton place)
Done by a scale of 20 Rods to an inch

Notes as of 1955

*Barker Road laid out about as in 1955, from Andover (No. Andover) line on John Hovey's land. (old cellar holes in field formerly owned by Nathaniel Gage, to old road few rods west of present Main St. near jct. Main St. and Lilly Pond Rd.

**Main St. (old road) from Bradford line to triangle east of George Carver's, near Walter Morss' house.
Road ran between 2 old Kimball houses on hill east of Mill Pond owned by Chadwick and Day families; (Now field and part of Pond owned by ~~Winifrid C. Parkhurst and others~~), past 1972 Bruno & Gladys Chadwick owners old Perry House cellar, in front of house of John T. Chadwick, Jr. across Barker Rd. back of Chadwick house now owned by Bruno Prevost, back of barn cellar hole and out to Main St, east of well, down present Main St. to north of Life's Brook (Aliphelet Reynolds called "Life") where road turned in and went back of present Bolton houses and across field back of Austins and Raymond Pearl's to triangle east of Geo. Carver's house on Lake Shore Rd.

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 21, 1769,

4 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Settle the line between the County Road and the Heirs of Mr. Nathaniel Symonds, Desed And also to take Care of the Towns Interest on said Road and to make Return- And Chose

Mr Jacob Cummings)
5 Ens Curtis and) Committee
Mr Ebenezer Killam

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At a Town Meeting held March 12, 1771,

16th Voted to Except of a Town Road Exhibited by a plan taken by Samuel Wood Surveyor

* The plan of the Road is in the Following words (viz) a plan of a Cross Road in the North Parish in Boxford Beginning at the Foot of the During Place Hill (so called) on Glendale Rd. and Running South-easterly (as the Fence now stands) to the Road called Ipswich Road the length it is ninty three Rods and Fifteen Links of the Chain; and one Road and an Half in width Done by a scale of 80 Rods to inch the owners of ye Land to Keep good Gates a Cross the Road:

Samuel Wood---

Notes of 1955

a Glendale Road, probably from the foot of Mount Vernon Cemetery Hill (Brookside Cem. wasn't in existence then) on Glendale Road to corner Dale St. & Glendale Rd., No. Andover, near the Currier house. Not sure of this course, as it may have been an old road now visible and walled off which ran across the field from near Charles Foster's driveway on Glendale Rd. to Ipswich Rd. near town line.

At a Town Meeting held March 10, 1772.

Bare Hill Road-
Voted to Except of a Road laid out by the Select men
Febr 28 1772

In the words following (viz)- We the Subscribers have laid out a Town Road Beginning at Elias Smiths Gate by Topsfield Line thence through said Elias Smiths Land as the Cart way goes to John Smiths Land thence through said Smiths Land as the Cart way goes a long between said Smiths House and Barn to Thos Symonds Land thence through said Symondss Land and land of Joseph Browns and land of Joseph Andrewss as the Cart way goes untill it Comes to a Small Yellow Oak Tree on the South west side of said way thence North 20 Degrees west 20 Rods & 6 tenths to a Red oak Tree thence north 19 degrees west 17 Rods and two tenths to a Red oak Tree: thence North 8 Degrees East 13 Rods and two tenths to a heap of stones

Thence North 10 Rods to a Small white oak tree thence North 2 Degrees west 8 Rods to White oak Tree on the Ridge by Cedar Swamp thence North 25 Degrees west 16 Rods to a Red oak Stump thence North 11 Degrees west 8 Rods and 5 tenths to a Stump thence North 25 Degrees west 11 Rods & 7 tenths to a Stump on North of the Swamp: thence North 56 Degrees west 18 Rods and 4 tenths to Benjamin Dwenills fence thence on said Dwenills Line to a heap of stones on a Knowl: thence North 55 Degrees east 11 Rods to a heap of stones: thence North 17 Degrees east 9 Rods and 7 tenths to a Tree thence North 35 west 32 Rods to east way Brook: thence North 10 Degrees west 4 Rods to a heap of stones thence north 32 west 6 Rods to the Road by Hales Saw Mill: the above is a true Discription of said Road according to the Plan-
Boxford Febr ye 28 1772-

Asa Perley)
Isaac Adams) Select-men
Jos Hovey) of
Paul Prichard) Boxford

(This vote reconsidered March 24, 1772. Did John Smith own the Jones place?) Yes.
Hale's Saw Mill was what is now Chaplin's Mill on Depot Rd.

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2 ly
March 24: 1772
upon the Adjournment

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would reconsider the Vote they past for the Exceptence of a Road laid out by the Select Men Febr 25, 1772 and it past in the afermitive-

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At a Town Meeting held Nov. 24, 1772
Bald Hill Road
Voted to Chuse a Committee to view Mr Joseph Goulds Road and to see if there be a Reference in the antient Deeds thro the several persons lands thro which the said road goes from the said Goulds land in Boxford to the County Road near Mr Hobbs or whether there be any part of said way where there is no Refence and to make return to the Town of their doings herein

Voted that Mr Ebenezer Killam Mr Jacob Cummings and Mr William Fills be the Committee-

January 5 1773
Then the Town Met upon adjournment: after hearing the Report of the Committee and debating the Matter with Mr. Joseph Gould the said Mr Gould proposed that if the Town would Vote the Money that shall be assessed on the non Resedents that live in the Towns of Topsfield and Middleton for Mending and repairing the High Ways and Roads in Boxford shall be work't out on his Road from the County Road to His Tenement on Bald Hill so called he would be Fully satisfied therewith untill the Town shall otherwise order it
and it was put to Vote and it past in the afermitive-

(This agreement dis. Apr. 3, 1797, page 108)

Notes as of 1955

Bald Hill Road. Private.
From Middleton Road at Hobbs' (near cor. of road into old Frame place now owned by Dunbar Lockwood) to Joseph Gould's place, (old Hooper place on Bald Hill).

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At a Town Meeting held March 9, 1773,

Baldpate Rd.
Voted to Except a Road Layd out by the Select Men from Rowley line near Mr Moses Perleys Barn on the West side of the stone wall to the Brook at the Head of Elders Pond so called as may more fully apper by the plan of said Road in in the words following (viz) Layd out a Road by us the subscribers from Rowley Line to the Brook at the Head of Elders Pond so called through Mr Moses Perleys Land two Rods wide Bounded as follow (viz)

Beginning at Rowley Line Bounded Easterly on the wall untill it comes near the said Perleys Barn: thence to the corner of the wall of sd Perleys Close thence on the wall as it now stands and from Southerly end of said wall to the wall that parts sd Perleys Field and Pasture: so on the wall untill it comes to the Gate near the Brook: then the west side of said Road Bounded on the Fence untill it comes to the Brook, said Road is allowed to have Gates on it where they are wanted:-

Boxford Febr 22 1773-

Said Plan was taken by	Nathan Wood)	
Paul Prichard by a scal	Isaac Adams)	Select-Men
of ten Rods to an Inch	Willm Perley)	for
	Richard Peabody)	Boxford

19

Voted Mr Nathan Wood (should be a Committee
Capt. Isaac Adams (to agree with Mr Moses Perley
Mr Willm Perley (respecting the opning the way
(through His land-

Notes as of 1955

Bald Pate Road from Georgetown line near Maurice Thrasher's (house owned by Raymond Perley) barn to Brook at foot of hill at Bald Pate Pond (formerly Elder's, or Perley's Pond).

Reyner's,

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At a Town Meeting held May 18, 1773,

2
Voted the actual respecting A Road thro Mr Moses Perleys land should lye until the Next Town Meeting and the Committee in the Mean time be directed to Make further search in the Matter and report their opinion and what further light they May obtain respecting that Matter at the Next Meeting-

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At a Town Meeting held Dec. 20, 1773,

4 ly Baldpate Road
Voted to give Mr Moses Perley ten Pounds in full for the Road a being layd thro His land Fro. Rowley line (now Georgetown) to the Brook at the head of Elders Pond so called two Rods wide in case he shall Fence the same an open Road-

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At a Town Meeting held March 8, 1774,

16 Valley Road & Willow Road
Voted to open the Road leading From School House near Moses Kimballs to the County Road near Capt Isaac Adams Barn- also voted to except of a Road laid out by the Select Men from Capt Adams Barn Northeasterly to Rowley line being fourty Eight Rods long and two Rods wide- (Rowley line now later Georgetown line.)

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At a Town Meeting held May 17, 1774,

8
The Committee appointed to agree with the Proprietors of Land thro which a Road goes beginning at the School House near Mr Moses Kimballs to Capt. Adams Barn- are Mr Nathan Wood Capt Asa Perley Mr Willm Hale

Notes as of 1955

Valley Road from old school house (marker there 1955) near Moses Kimball's (Fred Shaw's in 1955) cor. Ipswich and Valley Rd. to barn (burned) of Capt. Isaac Adams (1955 place belonging to Jerome Cross)

Willow Road from Capt. Isaac Adams' (Jerome Cross') northeast to Georgetown line.
Elder's Pond was named for Elder Humphrey Reyner; now Baldpate.

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At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1779.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to go and View the Road Leading From Bradford Line to Mr Amasa Peabodys then to the Road Leading from Deacn Joseph Hoveys to the Widow Runels and to Search all Records Respecting said Road and make return
Voted that there be a Committee- Chose Mr Nathan Andrews Capt John Robinson and Mr Lemuel Wood

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At a Town Meeting held May 18, 1779,

We who are Chosen a Committee to View the Road Petitioned for by Samuel Kimball and others leading from Bradford line to Amasa Peabodys then to the Road Leading to Dean Joseph Hoveys by the Widow Runelss have vied sd Road and give it as our oppinion that it is Necessary that they should have a Road

Boxford 19:1779 — Nathan Andrews, John Robinson, Lemll Wood) Committee

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At a Town Meeting held March 26, 1780,

8
Voted to choose a Committee to open a Road from Samuel Kimballs to the Widow Hephzibal Peabodys and to lay out an open a Road one and a half Rod wide f om said Peabodys where it is now trod to the Road near the Widow Runnels's or to the Road near William Porters Barn and know of the Proprietors what terms they will let their Land go for, and lay the same before the Town for their acceptance
Voted that Capt Jonathan Foster, Capt Richard Peabody and Capt William Perley be a Committee for the above Purpose

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At a Town Meeting held May 10, 1780,

The Committee chosen to view the Road or ground from the Widow Peabody's to the Widow Runnel's or to the Road by William Porters Barn, Beg leave to inform the Town that we have Measured and veiwed the ground each of the above ways, and find that the way by the Widow Runnells's only fifty eight Rod further then the way by Mr Porters Barn: as to acertain which of the above ways will be the cheapest we are unable to enform the Town: as Mr Porter is unable to enform us what the fencing across his Land will cost We present the Town a Plan of each of the Roads for their information

Boxford 12 of May 1780.

Jonathan Foster

Main St.

Voted to accept of the Road as Planed by the Committee from the Widow Peabody's to William Porters Barn upon Condition that Samuel Kimball Amasa Peabody and Ephraim Peabody will give their Land and Fencing as far as the said Road goes on their Land and Ebenezer Peabody will give the one half of the Road as far as it goes on his Land and the whole of the Fencing.

May 30th the Town Met according to adjournment
Voted to allow Mr Lemuel Woodis 2 for planing the Road from the Widow Peabody's to William Porters Barn
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Thursday Octr 12th 1780 the Meeting came on according to Adjourment

Voted to appoint a Committee to agree both on account of the Vallue of the Land and with respect to Fenceing part of a Road from Samll Kimballs by the Widow Peabody's to William Porters Barn, Regard being had to the condition of the Vote by which the said Road was accepted
Voted that Capt John Robinson Mr Ivory Hovey and Mr Lemll Wood be a Committee for the above Purpose

The Road which was accepted at the foregoing Meeting the 16 of May is planed as follows Viz. On Daniel Peabody's Land 17 Rods and 4/10 of a Rod on William Porters Land 21 Rods & 8/10 of a Rod and on Lieut- Peabodys and said Porters Land 66 Rods & 8/10 of a Rod, then on said Porters Land 22 Rods and 8/10 of a Rod to the Road by said Porters Barn

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At a Town Meeting held March 13, 1781,

It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a Committee to open the Road from Samuel Kimballs to the Road formerly laid out by the Town, and it passed in the negative

It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a Committee to open the Road from the School House near Capt Jonathan Fosters to Capt Isaac Adams Barn, and to agree with the Proprietors on said Road for their Land and fenceing, and it passd in the negative

Voted to Chuse a Committee to view the Road from the School House near Capt Jonathan Fosters, to Capt Isaac Adams's Barn to make equiry into any Circumstances necessary for the Town to be informed of and make Report thereof upon an adjournment of this Meeting. Voted that Capt John Robinson, Mr. William Bills and Capt Richard Peabody be a Committee for the above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held May 21, 1781,

The Committee chosen to view and enquire into the circumstances of the Road from the Road by the School House near Capt Fosters to the Road near Capt Adams Barn beg leave to Report as follows viz. That the Proprietors of said Road will each of them give their Land, one and half Rod wide, and their Fenceing till such time as there is some other Road paid for in the Town, except such Roads as are already accepted:
Reuben Cragg excepted who is to have pay for the Road through his Land

Boxford May 21, 1781.

N.B. said Road to be fenced out in one year from the date hereof

John Robinson)
Richard Peabody) Committee
William Wills)

Voted to accept the above Report

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At a Town Meeting held March 18, 1783,

Valley Rd.
A Question was put whether the Town will choose a Committee to open a way through Ruben Craggs Land on the Road leading from Capt Isaac Adams Barn to the School House near Capt Jonathan Fosters

Past in the Affirmative

Capt John Robinson Capt Richard Peabody and Mr Amos Spofford were chose a Committee for the above Purpose

Fuller Lane
A Question was put whether the Town will accept of a Road from the Fishing Brook to the County Road near Mr William Wills's agreable to a Return of the laying out said Road by the Selectmen

* past in the Affirmative

* Fish Brook to Fuller Lane and Middleton Rd. (Old road laid out previously.)
See page 72 for lay-out.

At a Town Meeting held April 27, 1783,

Valley Rd.
The Committee appointed by the Town to open the way through Ruben Craggs Land on the Road leading from Capt Isaac Adams Barn to the School House near Capt Jonathan Fosters,- Beg leave to Report that they have agreed to allow said Cragg one Dollar pr Rod for fenceing upon the north side of the Road through his land, or one Bushell of Corn Pr Rod, to become payable whenever there shall be a good stone wall made for that purpose: and the said Cragg agrees to give his Land so far as the Road goes thereon, and the Fenceing on the South side: and is to open the Road in one Month from the Date hereof

Boxford April 15th 1783.

John Robinson
Richard Peabody
Amos Spofford

A Question was put whether the Town will accept the above Report past in the Affirmative

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At a Town Meeting held April 20, 1783,

Roadley'd out
Fuller Lane
The following is the Report of a way layd out by us the subscribers for a Town Road (Viz) Begining at the northerly end of the Bridge over the Fishing Brook, near William Wills the Line between Topsfield and Boxford, said Road beginning at the middle of said Fishing Brook, then running about a Southwest Corse on on Land belonging to Mr Simon Gould about 22 Rods and one Rod and half wide as the Road now goes to Land of Capt Jacob Goulds then on said Capt Gould Land, about a Southwest corse, about 16 Rods, and one Rod and a half wide, taking in a corner of Maj. Joseph Goulds Land, about three Rods in length; then on Mr William Wills Land as the Road now goes 32 Rods and 1/2 to the County Road near said Wills said Road to be three quarters of a Rod on each side from the senter of the old Road Boxford December 30th 1782.

Asa Perley)Selectmen
John Dorman) of
Francis Perley) Boxford

See page 70.

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At a Town Meeting Held March 23, 1784,

Voted to appoint a Committee to examine the Records to see if there be an open Road laid out from the County Road near Mr Nathan Lows by Cat Bridge, to the County Road by Mr. John Stileses Shop, and if not to open said Road on the easiest and best Terms they can, and make Report to the Town for their acceptance- Chose Capt. Richard Peabody Mr Nathan Andrew & Thomas Perley Junr a Committee for the above Purpose.
(Cross Road) (Cat Bridge over Pye Brook on West Rd.)

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At a Town Meeting held May 13, 1784,

Committee Report
See pg. 6, 15, 17 of this book

The Committee chosen to examine the Records respecting a Road leading from the County Road near Mr Nathan Lows to the County Road by Mr John Stiles Shop-

Have found upon Record that the Selectmen in the year 1700 agreed that the aforesaid Highway should continue as it had been used for that end.

And the Selectmen in 1714 did agree and order that the aforesaid Road should be two Rods wide-

The Committee judge it reasonable where the above said Road is not fenced out and opened, that the Proprietors of the Land adjoining be allowed the term of one year to effect the same, with Liberty to maintain gates during this space of Time.

Boxford May 13, 1784

Richard Peabody
Nathan Andrews
Thomas Perley Junr

Voted to accept the above Report.

Notes as of 1955

Cross Rd. Joseph Matthews lived where Henry D. Perley built on Depot Rd. in 1955. John Stiles' Shop was on Topsfield Rd. opp. Gerrit Forte's in 1784.

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At a Town Meeting held March 29, 1785

Voted that Dr. William have Liberty to keep up two good Gates on the Road from John Stiles Shop to Joseph Matthews

(I think this means Dr. William Hale, as the next vote refers to Dr. William Hale. J.W. Parkhurst)

A Question was put to see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from Dr Stephen Symonds House to the County Road near Solomon Gould, past in the Negative

(Stephen Symonds lived opposite # 1 School House on Lockwood Lane. Solomon Gould lived at the E.L. Shirley place on Topsfield Rd.
J. W. Parkhurst)

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At a Town Meeting held Oct. 25, 1785

Voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby directed to lay out a Road which may have good Gates thereon, from Deacon Stephen Symonds House by Mr Stephen Goulds House, and so on as the path now goes, or in the most convenient place to the County Road near Mr Solomon Goulds House.

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At a Town Meeting held april 3, 1786,

Voted to accept of a Road layd out by the Selectmen whis is as follows(viz) We the Subscribers being met the seventh Day of November 1785 have laid out a Road from Deacon Stephen Symonds House by Mr Stephen Goulds House as the Path now goes across said Goulds Land to Mr John Kimballs Land, then on said Kimballs Land as the Path now goes untill it comes to Mr Thomas Perkins Land then on said Perkins Land untill it comes to an Hill near Mr Solomon Goulds House, then on the westerly side of the Hill on Mr John Kimballs Land, along by the easterly side of an Apple Tree, then over a Corner of the Land of Thomas Perkins aforesaid into the County Road, allowing the Proprietors of the aforesaid Lands the Liberty to erect and maintain good Gates on the Road

Francis Perley) Selectmen
Lemuel Wood) of
Jonathan Wood) Boxford
Thomas Perley, Jr

The above road was discontinued by vote of the town March 1875

Voted that the Widow Anna Hale have Liberty to keep up the Gates on the Road through her Land one year longer.

Notes as of 1955

New lay-out of Lockwood Lane, probably. Accepted April 3, 1786. Discontinued March 1875.
From Deacon Stephen Symonds (old cellar near Mr. Clarence Grove's house on Lockwood Lane) by Stephen Gould's (house stood west of Dixon Lockwood's driveway), then where?
John C. Perkhurst believes Thomas Perkins lived in Topsfield where Andersons used to live. (White Cape Cod House on Lockwood Lane in Topsfield.)

Lockwood Lane accepted in full Oct. 4, 1709. See pg. 78.

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At a Town Meeting held May 16, 1788

Voted to pass over the article respecting a Road by the Burying Yard in the 2nd Parish

A Question was put whether the Town will build a Bridge over the Stream below Dr. Symonds Mills past in the Negative

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At a Town Meeting held May 16, 1786

Voted to pass over the Article respecting a Bridge over Penny Ferry.
(I think this refers to the Ferry between Salem and Beverly. see next page. J. W. Perkhurst)

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At a Town Meeting held September 19, 1786

Voted to allow Nathaniel Perleys Bill of one Pound ten shillings and one Penny for Timber and Plank for the Bridge by Mr Lows Mill.

At a Town Meeting held April 2, 1787

Voted to allow Mr Elisha Goulds Bill of 15/0 for 281 Feet of Plank to cover the Bridge by Mr Timothy Stiless.

At a Town Meeting held May 10, 1787

Voted that the Gates may stand the ensuing year on the Road from the Corner of Mr Asa Peabodys Land to Mr Henry Perley's.

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Boxford, July 2, 1787

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid,
Capt Jonathen Foster was chosen Moderator
Voted that Mr Nathen Andrews be appointed to petition the General Court in behalf of the Town, praying that Liberty may be given for erecting a Bridge across the River between Salem and Beverly, at or near the place where the Ferry is kept, and that those Gentlemen which have applied for Liberty to Build a Bridge in that place may be Incorporated for the same Purpose.
Meeting dissolved

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Boxford October 22, 1787

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid Capt Jonathan Foster was chosen Moderator

On hearing and concidering the several Letters from Salem and Beverly.

Voted that the Town approve of the Measures of George Cabot Esq and others for erecting a Bridge over the River between Salem and Beverly.

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April 7, 1788.

The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Thomas Gross and others relative to the Place of Way through David Kimballs Land, report as follows (viz)

That it is necessary and reasonable that said Petition be granted, And that it is judged advisable that the Town appoint a Committee to lay out the Way, allso consider the best method of opening the same and report their doings to the Town,
Boxford, April 7, 1788

John Robinson)
Ebenezer Peabody)Comte:

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*Voted that the above Report, be accepted.
Voted that Maj John Robinson Lieut Ebenezer Peabody and Capt Jonathon Foster, be a Committee to lay out a Road over David Kimballs Land, as mentioned in the Petition of Thomas Gross and others, allso to consider the most eligible method for opening said Way. And to report their doings as soon as may be.

Notes as of 1955

Where was the road? Was it laid out?
*Is this old Main St. from Bradford line through field now property of Winnifrid C. Parkhurst and others? Undoubtedly it is. See page 244 "Chellings of Boxford". It was part of the present Lane east of Mill Pond parallel to present Main St. Road thru Winnifrid C. Parkhurst's field laid out 1767. (Field in 1960's included in Parkmere Golf Club) In 1974 owned by Far Corner Golf Club)
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May 15, 1788.

Voted that Capt William Perley shall have Liberty to keep up the Gates on the Road from Henry Perleys to the Road by Asa Peabodys, untill October next.

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3 June 30, 1789.

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Except of a Town Road Layed out by John Dorman John Robinson Francis Perley and Aaron Perley agreeable to a Petition of Simon Gould and others and it past in the Negative.

*(According to the Warrant on Page 274 Article 8, this road was to run from Topsfield Line near Simon Goulds by Dea. Symonds' House and Mills to the County Road near the Widow Anna Williams.)
(now (1956) Lockwood Lane). (The Petition says Anna Williams.)
J. W. Parkhurst, Town Clerk.
* Lockwood Lane. See page 79.

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October 4, 1790.

* N. B. before the Meeting was Dissolved the Town Voted to accept of a Road Reported by John Dorman, John Robinson, Francis Perley, Aaron Perley) Selectmen of Boxford which report is on File.

*Lockwood Lane accepted. See Page 78

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* These may Certifie, that I the Subscriber Being one of the Select Men thet layd out the high way or Road from Jonathan Eames to Middleton and in the* place where the said Road passes from the Land of Lnn Ebenezer Cutices Into ye Land of Mr. Nathaniel Symonds where the Cart gates are Erected itwas then and it is now my Judgment that the said Road was concluded to pass below the edge of ye Hill in order to be straight and Convenneint and not as ye said Road is Improved with a Crook
Boxford May 18, 1756

Wm Foster

*(Main St. and Middleton Rd.)

This may Certifie that ye Cart Gate which Mr. Nathaniel Symonds hath hung between his Land and Land Lnn Ebenezer Curtices (does hang properly in the Road -according to ye intention of the Record made of ye Way Leading from ye upper End of Boxford along by Lieut Jerem Foster Mr John Stiles Mr Nathaniel Symonds & so to Middleton Line which was layd out by us the Subscribers in the year 1753 who were Select men for the Town of Boxford that year-
Boxford May ye 22, 1756.

Namely- Jonathan Foster
Richard Kimball
Solomon Wood
John Peabody Jur

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*Laid out by us ye Subscribers a privet Way or Town Rode as followeth
Beginning at a Cart Gate on ye Southwesterly side of ye Brook running Southeasterly on Land of Ephraim Chadwick where ye path now goes till it Comes to Land of John Chadwick Jnr then on sd John Chadwick Land as ye path now goes between his Dwelling House and Barn thence Easterly to ye Corner of the Stone Wall in sd Chadwicks Field
Leaving sd Wall on ye north side of sd Way Runing thence Easterly to an oak Tree standing in ye Wall by ye Rode
Formerly Laid out from Nathaniel--------peabodys to Boxford, Leaving sd Tree on ye South Side of the Way now Laid out near ye meeting House in the Second Parish in Boxford.

Joseph Hale) Select
Jonathan Foster) men
Aaron Kimball) of
Jacob Cummings) Boxford.

Notes as of 1955

*Was it old road from Nason's Shop on Washington St. past house of Misses Ruby and Anna Nason, by Geo. Gerrael's toGlendale Rd. opp. site of 1st. meeting house in W. Boxford, where the Houldsworth house stands? This section of Glendale Road was the main road from Nathaniel Peabody's to Boxford.

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At a Town Meeting held May 9, 1793,

The question was put to see if the Town will open a road from the gate near Ensn #Gedion Tylers a Cross the hill by Mr. Enoch Kimballs House to the road Leading from Andover to Topsfield past in the Negative (Maple Ave. & Topsfield Rd.) #Gedion Tyler lived at Wood-Pinkham house on Ipswich Rd.

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At a Town Meeting held May 15, 1794,

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to examin the Records of Rowley to see whether there is any Road Granted by Mr. Abraham Tylers Prayed for by Amos Stevens and others and that they use their endevoures to have Petitioners & the public accomidated with a suitable Road by Capt. Adams and Report at September meeting.

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At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1795.

Willow Rd.
Voted to Except of the road laid out by the selectmen from Capt Isaac Adams barn to Rowley Line (Georgetown)
(Willow Rd. from Adams' barn (Jerome Cross') to Georgetown line.)
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At a Town Meeting held March 23, 1795.

Voted to Choose a Committee to Meet a Courts Committee Appointed to view a way from Andover road (Ipswich Rd.) a Crost by Abraham Tylers to Bradford road (Spofford Rd.) This was Highland St. originally laid out in 1652.

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At a Town Meeting held May 6, 1795.

Voted to Choose a Committee to meet a Courts Committee that are appointed to view a way prayed for by Ensn Gideon Tyler and others from Capt Isaac Adams Barn to the Road near William Spaffords authorising and Directing the Committee to take such measures as they may judg most for the benifit of the town with respect to said also that the same Committe be Directed to make such arangments as to them may appear most advantageous to the town for Widening and Adjusting all matters relating to the road from Capt. Adams (Spofford Rd.)

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Barn to the School House near Capt Jonathan Fosters

*Voted to open the road from the Poplar tree by Edmund Herricks John Gideons and others to the widow Elizbth Andrews after the Expiration of two years from the first day of April 1795 (Middleton Rd.) Poplar tree stood cor. Mill Rd. & Middleton Rd.

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Town Meeting held Sept. 22, 1795.

Voted that the Selectmen should be the Committe to meet the Committe from the Court of Sessions for the purpose of laying out a road by Abraham Tylers.

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Town Meeting held March 14, 1797.

Voted to choose a Committee to attend to the Petition of Ephraim Foster and others- praying the Town to open a Road from Ipswich Road, on Tylers plain (so called) and westerly of Enos Gideon Tylers House & by said Fosters house and so on to the Road near Rock Brook (so called) leading to Boxford old Parish and report to the Town (Main St. past Pratt's and Mrs. Doucette's).

Voted to choose a Committee to attend to the petition of John Town and others praying for a Road from said Town's House, to the Road leading to Andover by Samuel Kimballs, and report to the Town (Towne Rd. past David Donman's house to No. Andover line).

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Town Meeting held April 3, 1797.

Voted to accept of the of Committee, Capt. Joseph Symonds Chairman.
Report of (
Committee &C(Agreeable to the request of the Town,- we have examined the Land through which said Town and others have prayed for a Road; and from said petitioners have learnt that they will with-draw their petition, provided The Town will think proper to grant them a Bridge over the ford-way so called.
It is our opinion that it will be for the Interest of the Town to comply with the request of said petitioners, relative to a Bridge, which might be erected over said ford way, greatly to the benefit of the petitioners, and other

* Poplar Tree Cor. Mill Rd. and Middleton Rd.
Widow Elizabeth Andrews (wid. of Lt. James Andrews) lived in house in field southeast corner of Main St. and Middleton Rd. at Frye's Corner.

Inhabitants of the Town.- It is also our opinion that should 60 or 70 Dollars be Judiciously expended for the purpose of a Bridge, it would be amply sufficient to Defray the expence of it.

Joseph Symonds)
Boxford 3d April 1797 Moses Peabody) Committee
Timothy Stiles)

Voted to let out the Building of the above Bridge to the lowest bidder. (Fordway Bridge on Towne Road).

Voted that the same Committee viz. Capt. Joseph Symonds Decn Moses Peabody and Mr. Timothy Stiles have the care of leting out said Bridge to the lowest bidder and make report to the Town.

Voted to discontinue the privilleg which was voted Majr Joseph Gould in Town Meeting Novr 24th 1772 and that he work out his own high-way tax, on the Road leading to Bald-Hill so called.

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At a Town Meeting held April 3, 1797.

Voted to continue up Gates three years, across the road from Emery's gate to Edmund Herrick's, so on to the Poplar tree. (Middleton Road)

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At a town meeting held May 18, 1797

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Ensn Gideon Tyler's gate through said Tyler's Land- through the Land of Capt. Jonathan Foster, Mr. Ephraim Foster, and Mr. Enoch Kimball, to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield to confer with the Proprietors through whose Land said way has been improved to know their views as to the time & manner of opening sd Road and report all matters necessary for the information of the Town:- and that the proprietors may continue to keep up their gates as has been usual untill the way is opened, or untill the further

rear of
(part of Main St. past Pratt's to Maple Avenue)

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order of the Town thereon.-

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At a town meeting held August 24, 1797.

Main St. to Topsfield Rd.
Voted to receive the report of the Committee, chosen to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Mrs Gideon Tyler's gate, by Mr. Enoch Kimball's to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield, and to take any measures relative to said Road which the Town may judge proper.
Report The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Mrs Gideon Tyler's gate, through said Tyler's land, through the land of Capt Jonathen Foster, Mr. Ephraim Foster and Mr. Enoch Kimball to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield, to confer with the proprietors through whose Land said way has been improved, to know their views as to the time & manner of opening said Road &c, Ask leave to Report that after giving notice to the aforesaid Proprietors and some of the petitioners, & and having met on the business assigned them, found by actual measurement that sd Road is in length about 449 Rods (viz.) through the Land of Mr. Tyler 152 Rods, Capt. Jonathen Foster 71 Rods, Mr. Ephraim Foster 48 Rods Mr. Kimballs 178 Rods. By the Records of the Town, (Maple ve.) the same appears to have been laid out, and accepted as a private Town way 1 1/2 Rod wide in 1754. Which way has been improved for travelling since that time, and is still necessary for the families living there on.

The Committee have heard the views & proposals of the Proprietors they have heard but few of the Petitioners on the subject, and at present are not fully persuaded as to the expediency of complying with the prayers of Petition: But recommend to the consideration of the Town, further attention to the subject, and whether it may not be best that a Committee be appointed, and fully empowered to transact all matters and things on the part of the Town relating said Road,- which is submitted by

Thomas Perley)
Samuel Perley) Committee
Samuel Spofford Jr.)
Boxford August 24, 1797. Moses Dorman)

See page 43 re original lay-out of Main St. from Wood's Cor. to Foster St. See page 184.

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Voted to appoint a Committee to consider the Petition of Abraham Tyler & others.

Voted that Thomas Perley Esqr.
Mr. Nathl Perley
Capt. Richard Peabody
Capt. Francis Perley
Deacn Moses Peabody

Main St.
Be a Committee to consider the Petition of Abraham Tyler & others, for opening the Road leading from Enan Gideon Tyler Gate through said Tylers land, through the land of Capt. Jonathan Foster, Mr. Ephraim Foster and Mr Enoch Kimball to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield with full power to do & perform on the part of the Town, as to them may appear advisable and proper, all matters & things which do or may in any way or manner whatsoever appertain to, or have relation to the laying out, or opening the aforesaid way.

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At a Town Meeting held March 13, 1798.

Valley Rd.
Voted to appoint a Committee to settle with the proprietors of the Road, leading from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Foster's to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams's Barn

Chose Capt. Richard Peabody) Committee for the above
Thomas Perley Esqr) purpose.
John Robinson Esqr)

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At a Town Meeting held April 2, 1798.

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, on the writen Petition of Ephraim Foster, praying that a way may be located for an open Road through the Land of Mr Moses Wood, which he lately bought of Mr. John Tyler, leading from the Land the said Foster purchased of Solomon Tenney, to the Land he purchased of Thomas Spofford-having given due notice of the time and place of meeting, after

viewing the way prayed for, and hearing the parties Interested therein, are of opinion that said way is convenient and necessary for the use of said Foster and have laid out the same in manner following (viz),

Beginning at a Stake and Stones, the Northerly side of the Land which Ephraim Foster purchased of Solomon Tenney, thence north Seventy six Degrees east by the needle five polls and fifteen Links, over the Land of Moses Wood, to a Stake and Stones at the edge of a swamp, by land which the said Foster purchased of Thomas Spofford, to be a particular and open way for the use of said Foster-one Rod and an half wide; on the southerly side of the aforesaid Bounds and line; And according to the best of our judgement, have Estimated the damages sustained by Mr. Moses Wood at the sum of Seven Dollars, to be paid to him by the said Ephraim Foster

	Thomas Perley	)
	Enos Runnels	) Selectmen
Boxford March 30th 1798 -	Moses Dorman	) of
	Saml Spofford Jr.	) Boxford
	Samuel Perley	)

* Voted to accept of the above Mentioned Road, as laid out by the above named Selectmen.

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At a Town Meeting held May 15, 1799.

Voted that the Report of the Committee, respecting the Road from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Foster's, to Mr. Israel Adam's Barn, go on record.

Report Valley Rd.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Proprietors of the Road leading from the School House near Capt Jonathan Foster's, to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams' Barn, ask leave to report, that having attentively examined the Records of the Town relative to said Road, have judged that it is most proper to give a statement of such facts as they have been able to obtain, that the Town may take such further order thereon as may be considered most

* Note as of 1955

Not sure where the road was. Could it have been the old path west of the Stetson house on Ipswich Rd. (now owned by a Mr. Wood) on the left towards Stiles Pond? Or was it the road to Rotary Camp on Stiles Pond?

Thomas Spofford lived opposite the driveway to Rotary Camp. His barn cellar now covered by the present Ipswich Road, and house cellar was thought to have been west of the barn cellar.

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Valley Road
advisable.

By the Records it appears that in March 1733/4 a road was accepted, as it has been previously laid out by the Selectmen, from the County Road between the houses of Messrs John Kimball and Jonathan Foster, between said Kimball's and Foster's land, and so on between land of Jonathan Foster and Nathan Kimball and Zebediah Foster, and so across said Foster's land and Richard Tyler's and Samuel Tyler's land, and across Samuel Spofford's land to the County Road by Samuel Spofford's House, (Lena Adams' on Spofford Rd.) said Road to be two rods wide through said lands.-

Report continued

At a Town Meeting March 8th 1768.

Voted to accept of a Road lately laid out from a gate between Richard Tyler's land and land of Capt. Isaac Adams, northerly, near said Tyler's House to the County Road near said Adams' Barn, and null the former Road laid out from said Gate to the County Road near AmosSpoffords Barn, (Stelzner place).

Null

At a Town Meeting March 8th 1774.

Voted to open the Road from the School House near Moses Kimball's to the Country Road near Capt. Isaac Adams' Barn.-

At a Town Meeting March 13th 1781.

Valley Road
The Town chose a Committee to view the Road from the School house near Capt. Jonathan Foster's, to the Road near Capt. Isaac Adams' Barn, to make enquiry into the Circumstances necessary for the Town to be informed of and make report.- And said Committee at a Meeting the 21st of May 1781. Reported the Proprietors of said Road, will, each of them, give their land, one and an half rod wide and their fensing, until such time as some other Road shall be paid for in the Town, excepting such Roads as are already accepted, Reuben Gragg excepted, who is to have pay for the Road through his land- Said Road to be fenced out in one year from that time,- which Report was accepted, And in March 1707 Reuben Gragg had a compensation.-

The Committee are further informed that a part of the aforesaid way, viz. from the Road near Capt. Foster's,

Note

See record of road originally accepted March 1733/4.

thence on, almost to Mr. Nathan Kimball's, (Stephen K. Fowler place,) was opened in a few years after the original laying out thereof in 1753, and long before any other proceedings of the Town were had thereon.-

And the Committee are also informed that some part of this way had been made narrower many years after it was first opened. The other part of the way from near Mr. Nathan Kimball's on to the Road by Mr. Adams' Barn was not (as the Committee are informed) laid open until several years after the 13th of May 1781.- When the Committee were on the Road in October last, they found it had been laid open some years past, and lately made wider in several places, and much of the way was then one rod and one half rod wide; but a considerable part thereof was of a less width.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Richard Peabody)
Boxford March 2d, 1790. John Robinson) Committee.
Thomas Perley)

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 10, 1799,

Voted to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view a way prayed for by Jacob Kimball and others.

Chose, Mr. Samuel Kimball) Committee for the above
Thomas Perley Esqr) written purpose.
& Capt. Richard Peabody)

Voted to choose a Committee to appear and defend in the Action brought against the Town by Mr. Nathan Kimball for damages on the Road from the School-House to Mr. Adams', and also, fully to impower them to settle with said Kimball, and other claimers on said Road, in any way which to them may appear eligible.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr) Committee for the above
Capt. Richard Peabody) Mentioned purpose.
Mr. Nathaniel Perley)

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At a Town Meeting held September 26, 1799.

The Committee chosen to appear and defend, in the Action brought against the Town by Mr. Nathan Kimball for damages on the Road leading from the fifth School House in said Town, to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams and also, impowered to settle with said Kimball and other claimers of said Road in any way which to them may appear eligible

Ask leave to report, that they have, on the part of the Town, agreed with the several claimers, to refer their respective demands to the determination of Mr. Jeremiah Pearsons, Moody Spofford Esqr and Capt Nathaniel Hammond, who have met, heard the parties and determined, that the Town of Boxford pay Capt. Jonathan Foster thirteen dollars; Mr. John Kimball, twelve dollars and fifty cents; Mr. Nathan Kimball eighty four dollars Mr. Joseph Carleton thirty dollars, and Mr. Israel Adams thirty nine dollars. The demands of the Referees for their services, was eight dollars and twenty five cents, which by their award, was ordered and paid, one half by the claimers, and the other half by the Committee in behalf of the Town. The whole amount of the sums awarded the several claimers being one hundred and seventy eight dollars and fifty cents.-

Thomas Perley)
Boxford September 26th 1799. Richard Peabody) Committee

Voted to accept the above Report.

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At a Town Meeting held March 11, 1800.

The Committee appointed to attend the building and repairing Bridges in 1799, ask leave to make the following report viz.
* That the Bridge near Mr. Nathan Low's mill, built of timber and plank, was found in a ruinous condition- and judging that to rebuild with stone in a proper manner, was more than could be effected by the Surveyor of Highways with the help of the District, and to build with stone was supposed would eventually be a saving to the Town, and accordingly gave public notice of the time and place of receiving proposals for finding materials and building the Bridge: when Mr. Nathaniel Perley's proposals were for the lowest sum mentioned, he agreeing to do the whole for thirty dollars and to receive such part thereof in labor as could be obtained from the Inhabitants of the District toward the Highway tax, after the Surveyor had built one smaller stone bridge and performed other necessary repairs on the Roads,- Mr. Perley has executed the undertaking in a satisfactory manner- the Cat Bridge (Depot Rd.) is built sixteen feet long, the front of the abutments, facing the stream, consist of five stones on each side the water course, which is six feet and three inches wide, and covered with five substential split stones and fifteen inches thick.-

Toward his compensation, Mr. Perley has received, by labor as aforesaid, six dollars and ninety three cents- the remaining sum of twenty three dollars and seven cents is now due to him from the Town.-

which is respectfully submitted by

Richard Peabody)
Boxford March 4th 1800. Joseph Symonds) Committee

Voted to accept the above Report, and to allow Mr. Nathaniel Perley the above mentioned sum of twenty three dollars and seven cents.

Voted that it is no longer necessary that the labor be performed on a path leading from the County Road by Crooked Pond to Bald Hill, so called- Note - See Assessors Valuation Book 1799 listing Roads as then "private road".

* Just when Depot Rd. from near Norman Hoogerzeils to foot of hill near Cat Bridge & Mill was re-located is a question. See "Dwelling #55" in Perley's "Dwellings of Boxford".

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At a Town Meeting held May 15, 1800.

Voted to accept and allow the Report of Lemuel ood and Capt. Ivory Hovey respecting a Road leading by Broadstreet Tyler's to Bradford, which Report is in the following words, viz.-

In conformity to a Vote of the Town passed in October 1800. The Committee chosen to fence part of a Road from Samuel Kimball's to William Porter's Barn got the Road opened from David Kimball's land to said Porter's Barn in a year or two- then Mr. Samuel Kimball appeared not very urgent to have it opened thro David Kimball's land till some future time, and the opening through David Kimball's land was postponed.

After Mr. Samuel Kimball's death, nothing was said for a long time- at length the Widow took the matter up, and, last fall we agreed with certain persons to build the fence, and with Mr. David Kimball for his land.-

Thirty one rods and an half of stone wall at $2. pr. rod amounts to ----------$63.

Forty five rods of land at $50 per acre 14.07cent

amounts to---------- $77.07

For time and trouble of the Committee----------

Boxford May 15th, 1800. Lemuel Wood
Ivory Hovey

N.B. the men who built Wall were Lt. Ebenezer Peabody, Moses Cole and Joseph Wood Jun they will each one expect to have an order of $21. as they were equal in their labour.

Voted to choose a Committee to meet a Committee from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to view a way prayed for by Moses Wilkins and others-

Chose Samuel Kimball) Committee for the
Thomas Perley Esqr) above written purpose.
Capt Richard Peabody)

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At a Town Meeting held June 29, 1800.

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of three persons to make enquiry respecting the expediency of Paying Enos Tyler Porter for the Road, and fencing the same from the Burying-Yard to the Brook below where the old Meeting House Stood.

Chose Mr. Stephen Peabody)Committee for
Lieut. Moses Carleton) the
Deacon Parker Spofford) above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1801.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to take proper measures to cause the County Roads within the Town to be freed from inconvenient incumbrances arising from the narrowness of said Roads, and that such Committee cause to be opened to their stated width, any of the Town ways where compensation has been made in damages for the same.

Also, to take any order which the Town may see fit to direct relative to the incumbrances on said Roads and ways.-

Chose Capt. Moses Carleton)Committee for the
Thomas Perley Esqr)above written purposes.
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody)

Voted to pass over the sixth article in the warrant which was to see if the Town would give liberty to continue the gates across the Road from Richard Foster's to the Poplar tree.

The Committee appointed to assist the Surveyors of Highways in building and repairing bridges for the year 1800 being called upon to repair the Bridge across Fishing Brook, so called, near Deacon Symonds' Mills, and having attended to the business ask leave to report, that, in our opinion it was necessary to rebuild said Bridge, and did proceed, after giving notice, to let out the building of said Bridge to the lowest bidder - and the

labour of building said Bridge was bid off by Ensign Joseph Symonds at eleven dollars and ninety cents

To timber and plank procured by John Giddings, ten dollars and ninety nine cents.-

Which is humbly submitted by us the subscribers

Nathaniel Perley)
Boxford April 6th 1801. Richard Peabody) Committee
Joseph Symonds)

Voted to accept the foregoing report and to allow the charges.

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We the subscribers being chosen a Committee to make enquiry respecting the Road which Ensign Tyler Porter requests pay for, and the expediency of paying for the same and the fencing, ask leave to report that we have made enquiry, and find it not expedient to pay for the Road nor fencing, as it has been improved for a road more than sixty years, and nearly half the fence built by subscription.

Which is submitted by

Stephen Peabody)
Moses Carleton) Committee
Parker Spofford)

Boxford April 6th 1801.

Voted to accept the above report.

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At a Town Meeting held May 4, 1801.

Voted to enlarge thenCommittee appointed to widden County Roads, by adding two persons.-

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey) in addition to the
Mr. Jacob Andrews) Committee to widden Roads.

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At a Town Meeting held April 5, 1802.

Voted to accept of a particular town way as laid out by the Selectmen, over lands of Ensn Simon Gould Jun and the Heirs of Thomas Killam. (Was this Endicott Rd ?)

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* The Committee appointed, and directed on the part of the Town to attend the several Committees, sent from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to View, and lay out a way from Moses Kimball's in Andover, by John Towne's over the Fordway, to the County Road in Boxford, as prayed for by Jacob Kimball and others; also, a way from John Kimball's gate in Andover, to a Town way in Boxford near John Foster's as prayed fo by Moses Wilkins and others.- Do Report, that they attended the several viewing Committees the 24th of October 1799, on the 26th of January, the 3d of June and 2nd of October 1800, and the laying out Committee on the 19th of May 1801, both of said ways have been laid out and accepted by the Court aforesaid: the way first mentioned, lays from Andover line, within this Town, about one mile over land of John Towne and others.

** The way prayed for by Moses Wilkins and others, extends within this Town about ninety poles, over land of John Foster. Mr. Foster, Mr. Towne and others proprietors having previously agreed to relinquish all claims in damages on account of their lands and fencing, there remains to the Town, only the expense of making and maintaining the ways; some parts thereof are very rough, especially that from Andover line to the Fordway; both roads falling into the limits of one and the same Surveyor, may, for the present, require more work to be done on them, than can be effected by the exertions of that district in discharging a common and ordinary highway tax

And the Committee ask leave to suggest the propriety and expediency of appropriating a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars to be expended toward making necessary improvements on the Road from Andover

Notes as of 1955

*
Towne Road from No. Andover line over Fordway.
Moses Kimball lived at what was the Sharpner place over the line in North Andover. Just cellar-hole there now.

** Brook View Road from John W. Parkhursts' house (formerly John Foster's) to No. Andover line, 90 poles. (John Foster's in 1802)

to the Fordway; under the direction of some person to be appointed for that purpose, or by any other way which the town may direct.

Which is respectfully submitted by

Richard Peabody
Thomas Perley

Boxford March 11th 1802.

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The Subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, being met together the 21st day of September 1801. To consider the petition of Bimsley Peabody and others, praying that the Road, leading from Middleton, by said Bimsley Peabody's and over the Fishing Brook, may be straightened over the land of Ensign Simon Gould Jun and a Road laid out over land of the heirs of Thomas Killam-having carefully viewed the premises and maturely considered the subject, are of opinion, that the proposed alteration and additional road will be of common convenience and do report as follows, viz:

That the aforesaid Road be widened on land of Ensn Simon Gould Jur Beginning near the southerly part of his land at a stake on the westerly side of the Road: Thence northerly over a valley about twenty poles to a stake by the road, taking off about twenty poles from said Gould's land. (Middleton Road.)

And have laid out a particular town Road.

* Beginning on the southerly side of the aforesaid Road at a stake and stones on land of the Heirs of Thomas Killam: thence northerly on land of said heirs, eight poles to a stake and stones on the edge of a hill; thence northerly twenty one poles and fifteen links to a stake and stones by the aforesaid Road, leading over the fishing brook.- to be two rods wide on the northerly side of said line.-

Thomas Perley)
Moses Carleton)
Jacob Andrews) Selectmen
John Kimball)
Joseph Symonds Jr)

*Was this Endicott Road? Probably not, as road does not show on 1830 map.
Or was it a portion of Middleton Rd. near Fuller Lane?
See page 124 for payment of land taken.

A note made by J. H. Parkhurst, Town Clerk for 51 yrs. says Endicott Rd. laid out Sept. 21, 1801.

Where he found record or data, I do not know.

W. C. Parkhurst

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At a Town Meeting held May 13, 1802.

It was put to voto to see if the Town would accept a Road laid out by the Selectmen, on land of David Kimball- and it passed in the negative- widened?

Voted to appoint a Committee to open the County Road or cause it to be opened from the Andover line, by Thomas Chadwick's to Bradford line, in places where inconveniences arise from the narrowness thereof, and that such Committee have full power to accomplish the same.-

Chose John Robinson Esqr)
Mr. Israel Adams) Committee for the
Lt. Phineas Cole) above purpose.

(Essex St., Washington St. and Willow Rd.) shown on Map of 1795 as numbered there

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April Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment (May-1802) (See page 159).

Towne Rd.

Voted that thirty dollars, or any part thereof, if necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of amending and repairing the Road from the Fordway, so called, to Andover line-

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds for the above purpose.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of Repairing the Road leading from Oliver Peabody's to James Russell's-

Report as follows-

The Committee appointed to examine into the expediency of the petition of Joseph Gould and others, requesting liberty to work out their taxes on the Road leading from Oliver Peabody's to James Russell's.-

Bald Hill Rd.

We have taken a view of said Road, and beg leave to report, that it is our opinion, that it is reasonable that there should be seven dollars worth of work done on that Road, and that Ensign Joseph Symonds Jur Surveyor, in whose list said petitioners are taxed, should order on such persons as he shall think proper to work out seven dollars on said Road.

Jacob Andrews) in behalf of
Boxford May 13th 1802.) the Committee.

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At a Town Meeting held December 6, 1802.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to open and widen the County Road from Andover Line, by Thomas Chadwick's to the County road near Samuel Carelton's which Report is the following words

The Committee appointed by the Town of Boxford on the Thirteenth day of May last, to open the Road called the County road, from Andover line to Bradford line to the width it was laid out by a Committee from Court in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, have attended that service and ask leave to report as follows, viz.

We have agreed with the proprietors on said Road as will appear by having recourse to the agreement by them signed; that they will relinquish all claims of any award for said Road forever hereafter, upon the towns being at the expence of moving the wall which was necessary to be moved, and build the same up again; and have widened the road to its proper width in all places which we judged to be necessary, and give the following course and distance.

Beginning at Andover line.

Degrees	Rods	Degrees	Rods	Degrees	Rods
N 47E	14	N 48E	10	N 28E	10
N 57E	6	N 42E	18	N 27E	18
N 45E	9	N 55E	41	N 11W	6
N 68E	19	N 57E	18	N 35W	4
N 65E	4	N 55E	25	N 19W	14
N 40E	5	N 59E	33	N 2E	5
N 19E	4	N 51E	18	N 10E	4
N 54E	6	N 59E	13	N 21E	9
S 70E	19	N 35E	11	N 30E	24
S 82E	6	N 19E	6	N 40E	124
S 45E	6	N 3E	12	N 45E	18
S 62E	6	N 22E	6	N 54E	17
N 63E	12	N 7E	14	N 64E	13
N 66E	12	N 25E	14	N 83E	20
N 86E	731/2	N 2E	11	N 29E	24
S 75E	374/10	N 30E	10	N 63E	29
N 75E	12	N 13E	18	To Salem Road near Samuel Carleton's	

Note as of 1955

Lay-out of Washington St. to Willow Rd. (?) to Spofford Road which may have been called Salem Rd. as it was the old stage road from Salem to Haverhill. Samuel Carleton's was on Uptack Rd. then in Boxford, and was the connecting road between Spofford Rd. and Pine Plain Rd. over which the stage traveled.

We have moved, and caused to be moved three hundred and thirty six rods and two feet of stone wall at the following prices per rod, viz.

Capt. Ivory Hovey has built 20 rods at 1/3 and 20 rods at 2/4 per rod	$11.94
Ensn Joseph Parker has built 22 rods at 18 per rod	8.11
Jacob Parker has built 46 rods at 286 and 33 rods at 133 per rod	26.16
Capt. Moses Carleton has built 20 rods at 187 per rod	5.28
Thomas Spofford has built 42 1/2 rods at 183 per rod	8.85
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody has built 29 1/2 rods 18. per rod	4.92
Lieut. Phineas Cole has built 51 rods at 181 and 53 1/2 at 183 per rod	20.35
Foot	$83.61

On Mr. Samuel Coles land there is 21 rods which is let out to Lieut. Simeon Cole at 8%. per rod and 10 rods at 132 per rod.

Essex St.

Agreeable to the agreement with Thomas Chadwick, in consequence of taking more land to make the road more convenient then the two rods will do, have agreed to allow him fifty cents.

Surveyors bill, and attendance at Salem as an evidence at June term	$6.19
John Robinson, to 4 days service at .75 cents per day	3.00
Phineas Cole, to 4 days service at .75 cents per day	3.00
Said Coles bill for entertaining Committee and And to three quarts of rum expended) Surveyor when the wall was let out)	8.00 0.75
Israel Adams, to 4 days service at 75 cents pr day	3.00
Said Adams, a Journey to Salem and expenses	1.93
To cash for a Copy of Record	1.25
For Council	4.00
	$31.12

John Robinson)
Phineas Cole) Committee
Israel Adams)

Boxford Decr 2d, 1802.

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Essex St.

Voted that the Clerk put on file, those papers which the proprietors of the land, on which the aforesaid road goes, have signed to relinquish their claims for damages on account of said Road together with the Copy of said road as formerly laid out.

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At a Town Meeting held April 4, 1803.

It was put to vote to see if the Town would approve, accept and open a town Road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Meeting house in the first parish in Boxford, easterly to the County road leading from Middleton to Rowley and it passed in the Negative. (Depot Rd.)

Voted to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the petitions of those persons, praying for Roads to be laid out in the Second parish of Boxford and that such Committee take any measures thereon which they may judge proper, and make report of their proceedings to the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen, for the present year, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted, that John Robinson Esqr Ensign Enos Runnels Capt. Jonathan Foster and Capt Ivory Hovey be a Committee in addition to the Selectmen for the aforesaid purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held May 2, 1803.

*Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the Road near the dwelling house of Captain Jacob Gould Jur.; also, that Thomas Perley Esqr be authorized and impowered to give a deed or deeds of land mentioned in the report of the Selectmen.

Report in the following words.

In pursuance of a vote of the Town of Boxford at their meeting in May 1802, accepting a piece of new town road, and widening part of the old road from Fishing Brook toward Middleton- the Selectmen, (Is this Middleton Rd. via Fuller Lane?) (Was the curve cut on Middleton Rd.?)

*See Dwellings of Boxford, pg. 144.

Probably Middleton Rd. and Fuller Lane

after several attempts to negotiate in the best manner they could, did, for the sum of twenty seven dollars, obtain by deed to the town, from Doctor George Whitfield Sawyer and wife, about ninety square poles of land, being all the land taken up by the new Road, together with about forty square poles, seperated by the said new Road from the Doctors other lands, for which forty poles Ensign Simon Gould has agreed to give six dollars on receiving a deed from some person duly authorized by the town to convey the same the Selectmen have also, for two dollars and fifty cents obtained an acquittance to the town from Ensign Simon Gould of about twenty square poles of land necessarily taken from him by widening the old road. The new wall which became necessary to be made, and the old wall to be removed, was, on previous notice let out to the lowest bidders as follows, viz.
eighteen rods of new wall for eighteen dollars and seventy two cents- thirty rods of wall removed, six dollars and twenty five cents. Bills of cost allowed by the town in November for making and pulling the new road into a good passable state seventeen dollars and twelve cents- in the whole seventy one dollars and fifty nine cents; deducting the sum to be paid by Simon Gould of six dollars, the real cost of the new and old way is sixty five dollars and fifty nine cents-
All which is submitted by

Thomas Perley
Moses Carleton
Jacob Andrews

Boxford March 14th 1803.

Or was it Endicott Rd.? Endicott Rd laid out 1801 according to Apr 21,
Notes of J. H. Fuller. Must be found the date I do not know.
Road 2 rods wide. W. C. B

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At a Town Meeting held March 1, 1804.

Voted to appoint a Committee to view the way prayed for by Major Asa Perley and others and, that after hearing the offers and proposals of the parties respecting said way, the matter be submitted to the discretion and judgement of such Committee.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey) Committee for the
Israel Adams) above written purpose.
Samuel Spofford Jur.)

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Depot Rd. from Meeting house to Sheldon's Cor. of Cross Road.

* The 16th day of January 1803 Upon the petition of Majr. Asa Perley and others The subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, have laid out a Town Road, beginning near the Meeting house in the first parish at a Cherry tree marked, thence running north 72 3/4 degrees east over land improved by Samuel Holyoke and land of Samuel Dorman 52 poles and fifteen links to a stake at the side of an old cellar; thence north 65 degrees east over land of Samuel Dorman and land of the Revd. Elizur Holyoke 24 poles and fifteen links to a stake; thence north 80 3/4 degrees east over land of the Revd Elizur Holyoke 13 poles and 90 links to a stake at the southerly side of Henry Perley's land, by the Road leading from Middleton to Rowley-the said Road to be two rods wide on the southerly side of the above described line.

Thomas Perley
Moses Carleton
Jacob Andrews
Joseph Symonds Jun.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex S. S. At the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, begun and holden at Newburyport, within and for the County of Essex on the last Tuesday of September Anno Domini 1804.
The Court having heard the said Town of Boxford, do thereupon accept and approve of the said Private way

Note

*The Holyokes lived at the Holyoke-French House owned by the Boxford Historical Society in 1955. Owned land both sides Depot Rd. between Elm St. & Cross Rd.?
Henry Perley lived on Depot Rd. on the site of the new house of Henry B. Perley in 1955.
Cross Rd. was the old road from Middleton Rd. to Rowley Rd.

as laid out by the Selectmen of that Town and do hereby direct the same to be recorded in the Town book of the same Town of Boxford, in order that it may become a Town way for the use of the Inhabitants of that Town according to law

Attest, Ichabod Tucker, Clerk.

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At a Town Meeting held May 6, 1805.

Depot Rd?
Voted that the Selectmen, or the major part of them be authorized to enter into a Reference with the Revd. Elizur Holyoke and his son Samuel for a settlement of the damages they have sustained by a Town Road pasing over their lands.

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At a Town Meeting held May 6, 1807.

Voted that the Selectmen, be a Committee to view the road and fence, agreeable to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and Jonathan Foster Jun. and make report at some future meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to attend on a Committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view a way prayed for (in said Boxford) by John Giddings and others.

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At a Town Meeting held April 4, 1808.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to view the road and fencing, agreeably to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and son which report is in the following words-

The Committee appointed to view the Road and fencing, agreeably to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and Mr. Jonathan Foster Junr. and to take into consideration, all matters relating to that subject, ask leave to report,

That on the 9th of November last, they proceeded on the business of their appointment, and called on Capt. Foster at his dwelling house, who informed the Committee, that his son (the applicant with himself) was on or near the premises, and that he should

trust the matter with him. The Committee proceeded to the place, and found him as had been suggested, and entered into conversation with him on the subject, and he, the said Foster, informed the Committee that he considered it as a hardship, that they should be subjected to the expense of fencing the road on their lands, without having any compensation for their labor- he further suggested that in his opinion, they did not derive an advantage from it, equal to others on the same road, and that by seperating their lands (by fencing the road) were in some measure, deprived of water for their cattle.

After taking into consideration, the circumstances connected with the subject, and those consequences which would probably follow, if there should be a compensation allowed as requested (there being many cases in the town, of a similar nature to this) it is presumed, that the town would be thrown into a serious dilemma; that applications would be numerous, and the task of gratifying impossible.

The Committee do not hesitate in saying that the petitioners have been at very considerable expense in enclosing the premises, and that they have made a competent fence- and hope, that by having their lands thus secured, they will derive an advantage adequate to their expence,-

Submitted by

Moses Norman)
John Kimball)
Stephen Spofford) Committee
Samuel Carleton)
Amos Perley)

Voted that the present Selectmen, be a Committee to examine the Bridge north of the house of Mr. Simeon Stiles, rebuilt by Jnan Cornelius Gould, and enquire into the expense thereof, and make report at the May meeting.

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At a Town Meeting held May 9, 1808.

Voted to accept the report and allow the bill annexed, as presented by the Committee appointed to examine the Bridge rebuilt over the Fishing-brook, near Emery's Gate, so called, which Report and bill are as follows;

The undersigners, being appointed to examine the Bridge over the Fishing-brook lately rebuilt (under the superintendancy of Jnan Cornelius Gould, then Surveyor of Highways in that ard) met together for that purpose on the 22nd of April last, at which time, several of the neighbouring inhabitants met them at said Bridge. The undersigners entered into an examination of the bridge, and on the information there afforded, together with what they were eye witnesses to, were induced to believe that the rebuilding said Bridge was attended with very considerable exertions and expense- as the waters of the current had torn away the gravel, undermined the stone work and part thereof was removed to a considerable distance by the rapidity and force of the current,

By examination, it was found, that the stone work, fronting the channel, was built from seven, to ten feet in perpendicular height-upon a careful investigation of the subject, the following is presented, as a statement of the expence, viz.

To 450 feet of pine plank at $26. per thousand	11.70
5½ feet of timber for string pieces at $5 per ton	7.00
31 days of Mens labor at $1. per day	31.00
for teaming said plank from Andover exclusive of teamster	3.00
for the use of a plough	1.00
(over)	53.70

	53.70
for a cart 9 1/4 days at fifty cents per day	4.62
for ox labor 9 1/4 days at seventy five cents per day	6.93
Timber for railing	.75
whole amount	$66.00

Submitted by
Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster, Jun
Stephen Spofford
Boxford May 9th 1808. Jonas Runnels
Jacob Gould Junr

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At a town meeting held May 9, 1808.
Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons, to view the road laid out on land of Jacob Andrews, and to enquire into the expediency of making him a compensation for the same, and make report to the town.

The Selectmen were appointed as a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Voted, that the Selectmen, be a Committee to view the way prayed for, for a (town road) by the Widow Mary Porter and others, and enquire into the probable expence of the said Way, and of another way lately laid out by the said Selectmen, and that they make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, that Ensn Cornelius Gould, have liberty to continue and keep up gates three years, on his line across the town road, leading from Emery's Gate, so called, to the poplar tree, provided he give bond to the Treasurer, which shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen, within ten days, obliging himself, his heirs and assigns, to fence the road on his land, and to lay it two rods in breadth through his land, without any expence to the town, and cause the same to be laid open, free from incumbrance, at any time not exceeding the term of three years.
(Middleton Road)

Voted, that the Selectmen, be a Committee to petition the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex to cause the prosecution against Enan Cornelius Gould to be dismissed, in case the town be discharged from any expense.

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At a town meeting held June 26, 1808.

Voted to accept, allow and approve of a Town road as reported by the Selectmen,- Report follows-

On application of Nathan Barker and others, praying that a * Town road from sunken bridge, so called, near the place where the old Meeting House in the west parish in Boxford formerly stood, to Andover line, near the dwelling of Mr. Samuel Barker- proceeded on the 19th of April last, and laid out a town road as follows, viz. Beginning with a stake and stones by the road Leading to the Meeting house of said West parish, thence running through the whole, on one continued course, being thirty one degrees and twenty minutes west of southm by the needle fifty eight poles to a stake and stones, hence seven poles to a wall, all on land of Jeremiah Harriman, Jur. and Daniel Harriman, hence twenty poles and eleven links on land of John Foster and Jacob Foster to a stake and stones, hence twenty six poles on land of the said Jeremiah and Daniel Harriman to a stake and stones ny land of Samuel Barker, hence on land of the said Samuel Barker twenty six poles to a stake and stones by Andver line- said Road to be two rods wide, and to lie on the easterly side of said course.

Dated at Boxford
this 19th day of April
A. D. 1808.

Moses Dorman)
Jonathan Foster Jur) Selectmen
Stephen Spofford) of
Jonas Runnels) Boxford
Jacob Gould Jr.)

Voted that there be the year allowed for fencing and Opening said road.

Notes as of 1955

* Glendale Road was previously laid out in 1771 we believe.
The Old or First Meeting House in West Parish stood about where the Houldsworth house now stands.
The Barkers probably lived at the Foster-Lewis place just over the No. Andover line on Dale St. probably.
Mr. Daniel Harriman lived at the George Gemmell place on Brook Rd.
The old road to Washington St. went past the Samuel place.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to superintend, and agree with the proprietors, and any other persons, in such way and manner as they shall judge best for the making so much of the said Roads as they may think proper, as well as to settle the matter of damages-availing themselves of all gratuities which have been, or may hereafter be given.
(Glendale Road.)

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At a Town Meeting held April 2, 1810.

Voted that the present Selectmen be a Committee to view, and enquire into the expediency of paying for the Road laid out from Peabody's Gate (so called) by Symonds Mill to Topsfield line, as prayed for by Jacob Andrews and others- and make report to the town.
(Lockwood Lane)

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At a Town Meeting held April 2, 1810.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to view and make enquiry into the expence of laying out, and fencing a town road from Emery's Gate (so Called) over land of Gideon Bixby to the Meeting-house and report to the town at the next Town meeting.
(Middleton Road from Frye's Corner to Village.)

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At a Town Meeting held November 5, 1810.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of paying for the road and fencing, from Peabody's Gate, on lands of Capt. Joseph Symonds, Oliver Peabody and Jacob Andrews, to Topsfield line.
(Lockwood Lane)

Report-

The Committee appointed to view and enquire into the expediency of paying for the road leading from Peabody's gate, by Symonds' Mills, so on to topsfield line, ask leave to report- That they have attended to the business assigned them, and find said Road to be laid out by the Selectmen on the 20th of February 1789
The whole distance from Peabody's gate to Topsfield

Notes as of 1955

*At Corner Middleton Rd. and Lockwood Lane Peabody lived at the old Frame Place off Middleton Rd. The house burned and replaced by the present one owned by Dunbar Lockwood and rented tenants.

(Lockwood Lane)
line appears to be about 270 rods - said Road was laid out, giving the proprietors of the land, liberty of keeping up good gates; the time, since the laying out of said Road appears to be about 21 years last February- your Committee therefore are of the opinion, that the petitioners have no legal demand on said Town for any compensation for land,or fencing said Road.
Which is submitted by — Parker Spofford
Boxford November 5, 1810. — Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman

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At a Town Meeting held May 13, 1811.

Voted to appoint a Committee to consult with Mr. Gideon Bixby, and to examine and ascertain the probable expense of opening and fencing a Town road, from the road near Emery's gate (so called) over land of said Bixby to the Meeting house. (Middleton Road)

Voted that the present Selectmen, or the major part of them be a Committee for the above purpose, and that they make report at the next town meeting

Voted to allow the bill of two dollars and fifty cents presented by Deacon Moses Peabody for a string piece to repair the bridge near the house of Mr. John Foster. (Brook View Road Bridge)

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At a Town Meeting held April 13, 1812.

Chose Abraham Perley) Committee to consult
Aaron Perley) further with Gideon Bixby
Billy Bradstreet) respecting the road prayed
for through his land to ascertain the probable amount of the cost and to report as soon as may be.

Voted that it appears from good evidence that Ens. Cornelius Gould has performed the conditions of his bond relative to fencing the road by his house and that the Selectmen are authorised to deliver him his bond.

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At a Town Meeting held May 2, 1814.

Voted to allow the bill of $8.33 presented Capt. Joseph Symonds Jnr. for timber and plank to repair a bridge.

Voted to allow the bill of $9.45 presented by Artemas Kimball for material and labor in repairing the Fordway bridge, and the bridge near the house of Mr. John Foster. (John W. Parkhurst, Brook View Rd.)

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At a Town Meeting held April 1, 1816.

*Voted to accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, by the request of Billy Bradstreet, in case said Road does not infringe on the burying ground, and that it be not any expence to the town.
Road laid out as follows. viz,

Mt. Vernon Road

Beginning at the northerly gate-post of the gap (which is about fifteen rods in a southwesterly direction from the dwelling house of the said Billy Bradstreet) thence running southerly with a wall about twenty six rods to the publick road which leads to the Revd. Peter Eaton's Meeting-house- said way to be about two rods wide, and to lay on the westerly side of the aforesaid line.
Dated at Boxford the 14th day
of March 1816.

Moses Dorman) Selectmen
John Kimball) of
Israel Foster) Boxford

(Mt. Vernon Road.)

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At a Town Meeting held May 13, 1816.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to meet the viewing Committee on the Road leading from Ipswich to the Oak-tree above the house of the Heirs of Capt. Jonathan Wood.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr.) Committee for the
Capt. Jacob Gould) above purpose.
Moses Dorman)

Notes as of 1955.

*
Billy Bradstreet lived at the Harry L. Cole place.
Eaton's Meeting House was the second one in West Boxford, which stood in front of the present one.
Road from Cor. Mt. Vernon and Main sts. up hill to south west cor. of Mt. Vernon Cemetery, to original road from Boxford to West Boxford.

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Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons to view the way prayed for, for a public highway, by Lemuel Wood and others, in the second parish in Boxford- and that such Committee make report at the next town Meeting.

Chose Moses Dorman)
Capt. John Kimball) Committee for the
Amos Perley) above purpose.
Simeon Pearl)
Col. Solomon Low)

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At a Town Meeting held May 1, 1817.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to view the way and road prayed for by Lemuel Wood and others.-

Report.-

* The Committee apointed to view the way as formerly laid out and accepted by the town, from Andover line, to the east of Deac. John Day's and from thence, to consider the expediency of laying out a new road to Bradford line near little pond so called according to the petition of Lemuel Wood and others; have attended that service and ask leave to report, that theyfind the way shewed them as laid out forty or fifty years ago from Andover line east of Deac. John Day's to be about 326 rods whereof there is only about 30 fenced out; that the new proposed way to Bradford line near little Pond is about 114 rods and will terminate without meeting any kind of road or way- after acknowledging the proposed liberality of Deac. Day and others towards opening the way over their lands with the convenience such an open way would be to a small part of the community, the Committee upon mature consideration are of the opinion, that under existing circumstances the benefits resulting from a compliance with the prayer of the petition could not be in any way equivalent to the very great expense which would arise thereby, and cannot recommend it advisable to take at present any further order thereon

Boxford April 21st 1817

Submitted by Moses Dorman)
Amos Perley) Committee
John Kimball)

*Barker Road laid out March 14, 1769.
Dea. John Day lived at the John T. Chadwick, Jr. place.
Little Pond is present Chadwick Pond. (Also formerly Lily Pond.)

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At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1818.

Voted that the Selectmen, for the ensuing year, be a Committee to examine the record of a private way, laid out from Bradford road so called, by a Saw mill etc. to the town road above the house of Nathan Dresser, and take such measures to cause said way to be opened as formerly as may be thought proper. (Herrick Rd.)

Middleton Road
* Voted to appoint a Committee consisting of three persons to view the way, prayed for by Capt. Jeremiah Young and others, for a Town road, from the County road opposit Emery's Gate (so called) over land of Abner Wood to the Meeting house of the First Parish in Boxford- and make report to the town at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould)
Capt. Abraham Perley) Committee for the
Aaron Perley) above purpose.

At a Town Meeting held May 11, 1818.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed on the way prayed for by Capt. Jeremiah Young and others,

Report.

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The Committee appointed by the town to view a road prayed for by Jeremiah Young and others, from Emery's Gate, so called, to the Meeting house, have attended that service, and ask leave to Report- that, in the opinion of your Committee, it will be advisable to appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Abner Wood, to see on what conditions the land for a road can be obtained- and your Committee are likewise of opinion, that it would be advisable for the town to buy all the land on the northwardly side of where the road will be laid out, all which is submitted by

Jacob Gould
Abraham Perley
Aaron Perley

*Middleton Road from Frye's Cor. to Elm St. near Meeting House.

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Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to apply to Abner Wood, and know on what terms the land necessary for a road can be obtained.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr)
Col. Solomon Low) Committee for the
Phineas Foster) above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held May 11, 1818.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to attend to, and oppose the alterations on the road prayed for by Capt. Eliphalet Chaplin and others, so far as the said Road lies in Boxford.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr.) Committee for the
Capt. Jacob Gould) above purpose.
Col. Solomon Low)

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 10, 1818.

Voted to appoint a Committee, to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions, to view the way prayed for, for a publick road by Deacon John Day and others.

Voted that the Selectmen, for the present year, be a Committee for the above purpose.

At a Town Meeting held November 2, 1818.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to ascertain the quantity of land of Abner Wood Esqr which will fall in, and westerly of the most suitable way for a road from the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford to the County road near Emery's Gate, so called, and to ascertain the number of rods of fence necessary to be made on the easterly side of the contemplated road, together with what said westerly land may be sold for- and if thought proper, to apply to Mr. Wood, and learn the lowest terms on which he will dispose of the land westerly of said contemplated road, and to learn what the petitioners for a road will contribute toward the same, and report to the town at some future town meeting. (Middleton Rd.)

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At a Town Meeting held April 3, 1820.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee in behalf of the town, to meet the Jury summoned on the petition of Thomas Perley Esqr and others, praying for additional damages on the road petitioned for by Capt. Eliphalet Chaplin and others.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee on the part of the town, to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions appointed to view the way prayed for by John Sawyer and others from the Meeting house to Emery's Gate (so called) Middleton Rd. (Emery's Gate at Frye's Corner)

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At a Town Meeting held May 1, 1820.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen respecting the alteration of the Town road near the dwelling house of William Rea as reported in the meeting.

Report.

* We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, on the petition of John Foster and others, praying that the Town road, from the house of Capt. Solomon Towne, near his factory, easterly to the County road below the house of William Rea may be widened, so as to render said Road convenient for the accommodation of passengers, whereupon the said Selectmen met on the 3d day of December last, viewed the premises and found the said Road (as fenced) to be on an average, but little more than one rod in width, and being of the opinion that a small addition to the width of the road was necessary, they therefore staked out said way as follows

beginning at a stake, northerly of the house of Capt. Solomon Towne aforesaid, thence running easterly sixteen rods to a stake by the road-the above line makes a small curve to the southward.- On the northerly side of the road, from a stake at the corner, in front of the southeasterly corner of the house of William Rea, thence easterly about seven rods to a stake by the County Road leading to Andover

Notes as of ~~1965~~ 1973

*Lawrence Rd. Dr. John Howard's
The driveway of ~~Earle A. Newton's~~ off Lawrence Rd. was the original road to his house and the Mill. When Capt. Solomon Towne owned the Mill, Lawrence Rd. was set over away from the house and mill to the present course. From in front of house to Cor. Law. Rd. and Main St.
Wm. Rea lived on north side of Lawrence Rd. opp. east end of ~~Newton's~~ Howard's driveway, where face wall is now visible.

See pg. 190.

The widening above stated, throws about sixteen square poles of land into the road, which land is the property of the heirs of Nathaniel Long.

Boxford May 1st 1820. Submitted by
Moses Dorman
Amos Kimball Jur
Jacob Gould
Simeon Pearl
Abraham Perley

Voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant, which was to see if the town would cause the roads within the same to be opened to the width which they were laid out.

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Middleton Rd.
Voted that a Committee of three persons be appointed to confer with Abner Wood Esqr and ascertain the lowest sum which his land in Boxford, may be purchased for, and that such Committee be impowered to purchase said land, if they shall judge it most advantageous to the town.

Voted to add one person more to the Committee.
Chose Moses Dorman, Capt. Amos Kimball Jur. Capt. Jacob Gould and Capt. Charles Peabody a Committee for the above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 20, 1821

Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to meet a Committee appointed by Court of Sessions to view a way prayed for as a road by Stephen Barker and others, passing through a section of the town of Boxford.

Chose Deac. Parker Spofford) Committee
Jonathan Foster Esqr) for the
Capt. Jacob Gould) above
Capt. Amos Kimball) purpose.
Samuel Spofford)

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Voted that said Committee make use of all fair and honorable means that they shall judge proper to prevent the location of said road in all stages of its progress.

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 5, 1822.

Voted that a Committee be appointed in behalf of the town to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions on the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others and that such Committee act, as in their view will best promote the good of the town.

Voted that such Committee consist of three persons.
Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr)
Deacon Parker Spofford) Committee for the
Amos Perley) above purpose.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons in behalf of the town to attend to the subject of the Road prayed for in Boxford, by Nathaniel Woodman and others.

Voted that the Selectmen, namely, Moses Dorman, Jonathan Foster Esqr and Capt. John Tyler Jur. be a Committee for the above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held Nov. 4, 1822.

Voted to Appoint a Committee to ascertain the rights which the town have in the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

Voted that the Selectmen for the time being be a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to call on the Petitioners for the aforesaid way, to see if a compromise can be made with them on account of said way and that said Committee make report to the town at the next April meeting.

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At a Town Meeting held Feb. 10, 1823.

Voted to take further measures opposing the road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the Committee appointed on the 5th of September last, and that such Committee, united, make use of all fair and honorable means to prevent the location of the road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

At a Town Meeting held March 21, 1823.

Voted that the Committee, in behalf of the town, and the Committee on the part of the Petitioners, for the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others, meet together and ascertain the amount of the sums subscribed towards defraying the expence of locating and making said way, and report to the town.

Voted to suspend further proceedings of the meeting for half a hour.

On return the Committee Reported the amount of the sums subscribed, and in addition thereto the offers in fencing and making the road.

It was then put, to see if the town would accept the offers as stated in the Report, and it was Negatived.

(pages 142 and 143 skipped)
(see page 144)

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At a Town Meeting held Nov. 13, 1823.

Herrick Rd.
It was put to vote to see if the Town would cause a road to be laid out and opened, from the Oak tree at the junction of the roads leading from Haverhill and Andover in or near the direction prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others, to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser; to lay all the way three rods wide, except on the ridge, which is to lay two rods and one half wide.

After taking out those who were objected to on account of their not being voters, the Moderator proceeded to count the voters for, and against- and there was a majority in favor of causing it to be laid out as above- therefore it passed in the Affirmative. (Oak Tree was at Cor. Ipswich Rd. & Herrick Rd.)

Voted to direct the Selectmen to stake out and lay out said road agreeable to the foregoing vote.

It was put to vote to pass over the 4th Article in the Warrant and it passed in the Negative.

Main St. from Brook Rd. to Mt. Vernon to Cor. Ipswich Road.

*Voted to choose a Committee to view the way mentioned in the 4th Article of the warrant, which is, "To see if the Town will cause a road to be laid out three rods wide from the town road beginning Southerly of the brook below the house of Amos Carleton thence running Southeasterly over land of John Foster and others to the town road leading to the house of Peter Pearl- thence to straighten and widen the town road to the corner at the Andover road below the house of Capt. Amos Kimball."

Voted that said Committee make report, at the next town meeting of the most advisable way for said road to run, to avoid the circuitous rout & the burying place hill.

Voted that said Committee consist of three persons
Chose Simeon Pearl) Committee for said
John Bacon) purpose.
Capt. Amos Kimball)

Notes as of 1955

*Amos Carleton lived at the Pearl-Gamans place on Main St.
Peter Pearl lived at the Harry L. Cole place off Main St.
Capt. Amos Kimball lived at the Dr. Allen place on Ipswich Rd. in West Boxford.

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At a Town Meeting held Dec. 11, 1823.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen who were appointed to stake out and lay out the road prayed for by Ancill Stickney and others, from the Oak tree, at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser; said vote passed unanimous.

The Report is as follows viz.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Boxford passed the 13th day of November, 1823.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of said Boxford met on the 22d day of November above said, and laid out and staked a road, or way from the junction of the Andover and Haverhill roads near the great oak tree, in a southerly direction to the Town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser as follows;

xBeginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side of the said Andover road, thence running South 24½ degrees west (by the needle) 62 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones on the southerly side of the Mill stream of Capt. Eliphalet Chaplin; hence South 8 degrees west 27 rods to a stake and stones on a hill; hence South 3½ degrees west 28 rods to a stake and stones on a knoll, hence South 6¼ degrees east 17 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones on the northerly end of a ridge; thence south 13½ degrees east 7 rods and 9 links to a stake and stones; hence South 2 degrees west 7 rods and 22 links to a stake and stones, hence South 27 degrees east 3 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones hence south 34 degrees east 2 rods and 15 links to a stake and stones, hence south 2 degrees west 23 rods to a stake and stones; hence south 12 degrees west 62 rods and 14 links to a stake and stones; hence south 26 degrees east 35 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones; hence south 25 degrees east 21 rods and 2 links to a stake and stones on the northeasterly side of the town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser.

Said Road, or way to be three rods wide from the said Andover road to the ridge, and to lay on the

xAndover Rd. or Ipswich Rd. to Dresser's ~~or~~ Or Herrick Rd.

westerly side of said described bounds- and from the northerly end of said Ridge to the southerly end thereof to be two and a half rods wide and to lay on the westerly side of the described bounds,- and to lay three rods wide from the southerly end of the ridge to the Town road on the westerly side of said bounds.

Note. Said described way lays on land of

	Rods	-	Links
Stephen Spofford	71		12
Deacon Bradstreet Tyler	80		4
Gen. Solomon Low	80		14
Capt. Ancill Stickney	35		7
Nathan Dresser	21		2
length of road or way by admeasurement	288	-	14

Boxford Dec. 11th 1823
Submitted by - Moses Dorman
Josiah Kimball.

Dec. 11, 1823, I certify the above to be a true copy of Report
John Bacon
Town Clerk.

Herrick Road

It was put to vote to see if the town would accept and establish the road prayed for by Ancill Stickney and others from the Oak tree at the junction of Haverhill* and Andover roads to the town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser, as laid out by the Selectmen in the foregoing Report- and it passed unanimously in the Affirmitive.

Main St. West Boxford. See pg 151.
Voted unanimously, to accept the report of the Committee appointed in November last, to view the contemplated way for a road near the Buring place in the North Parish in said Boxford; which Report is as follows.

Report

That after viewing all the routs which to their knowledge have ever been mentioned and taking all things into consideration they come to the conclu-

*Haverhill Rd. was Spofford Rd. Jct. Ips. Rd. & Spofford Rd.

sion that it would be most advisable for said road to commence at the Porters Brook, and to strike the Andover road at the Cherry tree and to run in the direction and according to the plan showed them, which was drawn by John Bacon in Sept. 1823.

Boxford Nov. 21st 1823.

Submitted by
Simeon Pearl)
John Bacon) Committee.

(See pg. 151)

Voted unanimously to direct the Selectmen to lay out and stake out the above said road ~~and~~ according to the above said report and plan (The 1830 map shows the old 1697 road running south of Mt. Vernon Cem. so it was not discontinued probably until the 1823 and 1830 sections of Main St. were built.)

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Dresser or Herrick Rd.

Jan. 12, 1824. Remonstrance.

The remonstrence of the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Boxford, and legally qualified to vote in town affairs Sheweth; That, whereas a town meeting is warned to be holden this day at the meeting house of the 2d Parish in said town and is in their opinion (so far as respects the 2d article in the warrant) illegal in the present case, and highly improper, as the statute gives towns no power to discontinue roads, except such as have been improved as such and have become unnecessary, plainly implying those which have ceased to be travelled on and have become useless.

Believing as we do in the necessity of the road there mentioned, and that such proceedings can be of no benefit, even to those persons who are against said road, but that on the contrary will be of great disadvantage to the whole town, in bringing on a lawsuit in which their only prospect is defeat;

Further considering that we have had repeated meetings on the subject and the road has been established; and that in their opinion a number of persons are determined to continue causing meetings to be held in this inclement season, when we cannot conveniently attend; We therefore for the causes aforementioned enter this our Protest against proceeding

on the 2d article aforesaid, and request the Town Clerk, to put the same on record; and further than this we shall not act on said article.
Dated Boxford January 12th 1824.

Nathan Andrews
Samuel Andrews
Daniel Andrews
Dean Andrews
Josiah Bacon
John Bacon
Francis Curtis
Timothy Dorman
Nathan Dresser
Nathaniel Dorman
Samuel B. Dale
Daniel Davis
John Foster
Joseph Foster
Phineas Foster
Asa Foster
Joshua French
Jacob Gould
John Gould
Moses Gould
Daniel Gould
Daniel Gould Jr.
Thomas S. Hovey
George Jewett
Samuel Kimball
Samuel Kimball Jr.
Samuel Kimball 3d
Josiah Kimball
Samuel Killam
Solomon Low
Benjamin Pearl
Samuel Perley Jr.
Henry Perley Jr.
Phineas Perley
Phineas Perley Jr.

Abraham Perley
Leonard Perley
William Perley
Oliver Peabody
Samuel Peabody, Jr.
William Peabody
Oliver T. Peabody
James Russel
Peabody Russel
William Rea
Ancill Stickney
Simeon Stiles
Asa Stiles
John Sawyer
George W. Sawyer
John Stiles
Joseph Symonds
Joseph Smith
Johnson Savage
John Towne Jr.
Samuel Towne
Josiah Woodbury
John Wood
Oliver Wood
Jeremiah Young

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meeting house in the 2d Parish in Boxford on Monday the 12th day of January A.D. 1824, at 10 o'clock A.M. the following votes were passed, viz.

Chose Deac. Parker Spofford, Moderator.

Deac. P. Spofford had 84 votes being the whole number given in.

The following motion was then made in writing by Jonathan Foster Esq Viz.

"Whereas the Selectmen conformable to the request of Capt. Ancil Stickney and others laid out a road from the Oak tree at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads to the town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser and near the house of Nathan Dresser, and by the Selectmen reported to the town at a meeting on the eleventh day of December 1823, and said road was then accepted after an unexpected and exampled rule of procedure under the couler of law had been inforced by the presiding officer whereby many of the Inhabitants of the first estates were excluded from their right of voting. Therefore in view of the subject in all its bearings do vote and determine that the said road laid out and accepted in manner aforesaid is not necessary, and that the said road be discontinued, and it is hereby discontinued and made void to all intents and purposes".

Voted that the Town Clerk, be requested to take down the name of every person voting on the motion made by Jonathan Foster Esq. with the yea or nay annexed to his name as he shall vote- and put the same on record. Those to whose name is annexed a yea is considered voting for the motion, the nays against the motion.

A.
Israel Adams yea
Isaac Adams yea

B.
Rufus Burnham yea
Seth Burnham yea
John Brown yea

Isaac Barker yea
Edmund Barker yea

C.
Samuel Carleton yea
Samuel Cree yea
Leonard Carleton yea
Samuel W. Clement yea

Notes as of 1955

Capt. Ancil Stickney lived near Cedar Pond, off west side of Dresser or Herrick Rd. He was Town Treasurer for 30 years.
Re Dressers, see pg. 61 in "Dwellings of Boxford."
East side of Herrick Rd., south of the Ridge.

David Coburn yea
Thomas R. Chadwick yea
Amos Carteton jr. yea
Moses Chadwick yea
Samuel Cole yea
Moses Carleton yea
Simeon Cole yea
Henry Clement yea
Wm. K. Carleton yea

D

Thomas W. Durant yea
Thomas Dunn yea

F.

Jonathan Foster yea
Israel Foster yea
Oliver Foster yea

G.

James A. Gilmore yea
David Gilmore yea
Amos Gage yea
Thomas Gould yea
Samuel Goodale yea

H.

Jeremiah Harriman yea
Daniel Harriman yea
Luke Hovey yea
Asa Hall yea
John Hall yea

K.

Amos Kimball yea
John Kimball yea
John Kimball Jr. yea
Moses Kimball yea

M.

John Merrill yea
Daniel Mitchel yea
Richard Morse yea
Samuel Morse yea

P.

Thomas Perley yea
Aaron Perley yea
Amos Perley yea
Thomas Perley Jr. yea
Artemus W. Perley yea
Charles Perley yea
Asa Perley Jr. yea
Jesse Perley yea
Jesse Perley Jr. yea

Francis Perley yea
Samuel Perley yea

Ancill Perley yea
Asa Perley yea
Ebenezer Peabody yea
Stephen Peabody yea
Benjamin Peabody yea

Simeon Pearl yea
George Pearl yea
William Parker yea
Aaron L. Parker yea
John Parker yea
Benjamin Parker yea

Jacob C. Parker yea
Stephen Pike yea

R.

Benjamin Robinson yea
Benjamin Robinson Jr. yea
Enos Reynolds yea
Eliphalet Reynolds yea
Jonas Runnels yea
Frederick Reynolds yea
William Ross yea

S.

Thomas Spofford yea
Aaron Spofford yea
Richard Spofford yea
Samuel Spofford yea
Samuel Sopfford, jr. yea

Stephen Spofford yea
Frederick Spofford yea
Jacob Smith yea

T.
William Tyler yea
Jeremiah Tyler yea
Joseph S. Tyler yea
Flint Tyler yea

W.
Joseph Wood yea
Daniel Wood yea
Aaron Wood yea
Ebenezer Woodman yea
Moses Wilkins yea

Passed in the affirmative without opposition.

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Voted to discharge the Selectmen from any service in laying out a road near the burying ground in the second Parish in said town, pursuant to a report made, and vote thereon at a meeting held Dec. 11th 1823.

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At a town meeting held May 10, 1825.

Voted to accept, establish and confirm the town road laid out by the Selectment on the 29th day of April last from the *great Oak tree, to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser- which road was laid out and reported to the town in the following words viz.

Report

We the subscribers met the 29th day of April A.D. 1825, and agreeable to a request of a large number of citizens, inhabitants and freeholders within the town of Boxford, have laid out a town road or way from the Oak tree at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads, in a southerly direction to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side of said Andover road, thence running south 24 1/2 degrees west (by the needle) 62 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones on the southerly side of the Mill stream of Capt Eliphalet Chaplin; thence south 3 degrees west 27 rods to a stake and stones on a hill; thence south 3 1/2 degrees west 28 rods to a stake and stones on a knoll; thence south 8 1/4 degrees east 17 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones on the northerly end of a ridge; thence south 13 1/2 degrees east 7 rods and 9 links to a stake and stones; thence south 2 degrees west 7 rods and 22 links to a stake and stones; thence south 27 degrees east 3 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones; thence south 34 degrees east 2 rods and 15 links to a stake and stones, thence south 2 degrees west 23 rods to a stake and stones, thence south 12 degrees west 62 rods and 14 links to a stake and stones, thence south 26 degrees east 35 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones, thence south 25 degrees east 21 rods and 2 links to a stake and stones on the northeasterly side of the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser.

Said road or way to be three rods wide from the

*Great oak tree was at corner of Ipswich Rd. and Herrick Rd.

said Andover road to the ridge, and from the northerly end of said ridge to the southerly end thereof, to be two and one half rods wide; and from the southerly end of said ridge to the Town * road near the house of Nathan Dresser, to be three rods wide.

Said road or way to lay on the westerly side of said described bounds.

Note- Said road or way lays on land of

	rods	links
Stephen Spofford	71	12
Deac. Bradstreet Tyler	80	4
Gen. Solomon Low	80	14
Capt. Ancill Stickney	35	7
Nathan Dresser	21	2
Whole length	288	14

Boxford April 29 A. D. 1825, and to be submitted to the town at their meeting May 10, 1825.

John Bacon) Selectmen
Solomon Low) of
Asa Foster) Boxford.

N. B. The vote on the acceptance of the above road passed in the affirmation, 63 voting for it and 54 against it.

Attest
John Bacon
Town Clerk.

*Town Road was from near house Nathan Dresser (east side of Herrick Rd. south of Ridge) to Cor. Herrick & Georgetown Roads.

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At a Town Meeting held June 29, 1825.

Chose Gen. Solomon Low, John Bacon and Capt. John Merrill as agents to defend against the road petitioned for by Wm. Potter and others-

Voted that the said agents be instructed to use all fair and honorable means to prevent the location of the said road,

Voted on the 6th art. To choose a Committee to lay out a road three rods wide as expressed in the 6th Art. in the warrant, provided the Court of Sessions will accept it instead of the old road from T. S. Hovey's to the Meeting house (or from the starting point near said Hovey's to the Meeting house) and provided no damage be awarded on said old road or that all damages awarded be relinquished.

Chose John Bacon, Gen. Solomon Low and Capt. John Merrill a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted that said committee be instructed to attend the Court of Sessions & use their influence to have the said new road accepted instead of the old one.

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At a Town Meeting held July 9, 1825.

Voted on the 3d Article, That the Selectmen, viz. John Bacon, Gen. Solomon Low and Asa Foster be authorized to contract in behalf of the town for making the Dresser or Stickney road, so called, through land of Stephen Spofford and Deacon Bradstreet Tyler on the best terms they think proper. The said vote passed unanimously.

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At a Town Meeting held November 1, 1825.

Voted that the Selectmen, viz- Gen. Solomon Low, Asa Foster and Daniel Wood be a committee to meet the courts committee appointed to widen and straighten the road from the centre School house in Rowley through Boxford and into Andover.

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At a Town Meeting held April 3, 1826.

Voted to oppose the road prayed for by John Adams Esq and others by all fair and honorable means.

Chose- Capt. Amos Kimball)
Gen. Solomon Low) Committee.
Capt. Samuel Perley)

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At a Town Meeting held October 2, 1826.

Voted to Choose a Committee to Dispose of making the road prayed for by Joseph Chadwick & others.

Chose Thomas S. Hovey)
Capt. Amos Kimball)
Benjamin Peabody) Committee.
Simeon Pearl)
Stephen Peabody Esq.)

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At a Town Meeting held August 18, 1828.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to oppose the road prayed for by Samuel W. Clement and others.

And Israel Foster Esqr Capt. Jacob Batchelder & Capt. Josiah Kimball were chosen the committee for the above purpose.

On the request of Samuel Killam and others for a sufficient sum of money to repair the road over great hill (so called) near the house of said Killam.

It was voted that Mr. Amos Perley, Capt. Amos Kimball, together with said Samuel Killam, be a Committee to view and repair said road in a proper manner, with the least possible expense, not exceeding seventy five dollars. (Main St. or Middleton Rd.)

* Where was "the great hill"? Samuel Killam lived in the south end of the town. Was it near his place? See page 150 in Dwellings of Boxford. Or was it Cole's Hill near the Oliver Killam-Anderson place? Was it Main St. or Middleton Rd?

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At a Town Meeting held May 12, 1829.

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to employ hands to work the road, located by the County Commissioners, in the Town of Boxford, as petitioned for by Samuel W. Clement and others, to the acceptance, and in the time specified by the aforesaid Commissioners,

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At a Town Meeting held February 22, 1830.

Voted, that the town should make the road prayed for by Peter Pearl and others, agreeable to the diredtions of the County Commissioners. (Main St., from Mt. Vernon to Wood's Cor.)

Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being be a Committee, to let out the making of the road prayed for by Peter Pearl and others, to be made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

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At a Town Meeting held April 5, 1830.

Voted to discontinue the Town road from near the Hearse House in the west Parish in Boxford to the road leading from near the house of Widow Ruth Barker to the Meeting house in said west parish, after the first day of November next- and to have it remain as a private way. Road discontinued.

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At a Town Meeting held May 10, 1830.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to contract for the working of the road prayed for by John Parker and others.

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At a Town Meeting held June 27, 1831.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to make all the necessary repairs on the road from the corner near fordway Bridge (so called) by the House of Samuel Towne to Andover line, and the sum to be expended is not to exceed forty dollars.

Chose Capt. Jeremiah Young)
John Brown) Committee.
Maj. Samuel Perley)

(End of Book 3)

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* See Page 178.

This appears to have been the old 1697 road from the "Training Field to n. w. end of town",- the section along the south side of Mt. Vernon Cemetery from Mt. Vernon Rd. to Glendale Rd. (thru the woods where old road is now visible, coming out south of Whittier's house on Glendale Rd. Hearse House probably stood in corner of Mt. Vernon Cemetery next to old road.

Was Sunken Bridge in low land of old road before coming out to Glendale Road? Think so.

In 1974 not sure.
MCP

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Voted At A Town Meeting held April 7, 1834.
* That the road leading from the house that Dr. Josiah Bacon formerly owned to Dea. Bradstreet Tyler to be discontinued.

Voted
To choose a Committee of three persons to examine the bridge built by Mr. Samuel Goodale over fish brook and to see on what terms they can compromise the difficulty with said Goodale respecting said bridge and report their doings at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted
At the adjournment of the above meeting held April 21, 1834.
To pay Mr. Samuel Goodale $117.50 for building a bridge over fish brook (so called) on the Doct. Sawyer road (so called) said Goodale agreeing to assume all cost which has arisen by reason of his suit against the town respecting said bridge.

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Voted
To allow a bill of Samuel Goodale for labor done on Fordway bridge (so called) $72.25

Voted
To allow a bill of George W. Sawyer Esq. for placing small stones under the Goodale bridge (so called) $2.50
(Above meeting dissolved)

Voted
* At a Town Meeting held April 21, 1834.

To discontinue a road from near the Hearse house to the Sunken bridge near Daniel Harriman's gate in west parish in Boxford.

Notes as of 1955

*See page 156.
Daniel Harriman lived at the George Gemmell place.
Private Way 1830. Discontinued altogether 1834.

Dr. Josiah Bacon lived near George Carver's on Lake Shore Rd.
Deacon Tyler lived at the John G. Bolton house on Main St.
Old road was the 1697 one that ran back of the houses or east of the houses from Everett Chadwick's to Bolton's.

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At a Town Meeting held May 4, 1835.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the road leading from fordway Bridge to Andover line and to expend what sum of money they may think necessary in repairing said road, not exceed ing one hundred dollars. (Towne Rd.)

Voted that the selectmen be directed to confer with the owners of the land in regard to widening the Corner of the road near the meeting house in the west parish and if the expense shall be reasonable then to widen the same. (Must have been second meeting house which stood in front of present one in West Boxford. Present one dedicate Nov. 20, 1843.)

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to view and widen the road in part leading to Capt. Amos Kimball's by the burying ground, beginning at the corner of the road leading to the meeting house near Peter Pearls and proceed as far as the corner South of the burying ground on the left hand. (Mt. Vernon Rd.)

Voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to oppose a road pray'd for by Jeremiah Nelson & others, also the road pray'd by John B. Savory & others.

Chose Capt. Charles Peabody) Committee for
Dea. John Day) the above
Benjamin Peabody) purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held November 9, 1835.

The following is a report of the Selectmen of Boxford submitted to the town for their consideration, (viz.)

Agreeably with a vote passed May 4th. 1835
We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Boxford having widened the town way near the *Meeting house in the second parish in said town for the use of town as follows (Viz.)
Main St.

Beginning at a stake bearing south thirty three and a half degrees East five rods and four links distant from the southeast corner of said meeting house, thence south sixty six degrees East one rod and twenty four links to a stake thence south fifty two and a half degrees East one rod and twenty three links to a stake thence South forty degrees East two rods and 2 links to stake thence south twenty five degrees East two rods and seven links to a stake thence south twelve degrees East five rods and ten links to the end of wall, the road to lie so far northerly and Easterly of the above line as the northerly and Easterly side of the old roads.
No 1

Land taken from Oressa B. Leach is five rods

Land taken of John Brown nine rods and three quarters
Sum awarded $4.83

*(This must have been the second Meeting House in the West Parish, as the present one (1955) was not dedicated until November 22, 1843. The second one stood in front of the present one. J.W. Parkhurst)

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No. 2 Beginning at a stake bearing North forty seven and a half degrees west three rods and seventeen links distant from the north corner of Peter Pearl's garden thence South twenty five degrees west two rods to a stake thence South thirty one degrees west four rods to a stake thence South thirty eight degrees west seven rods and five links to a stake at the northeasterly corner of the burying ground: the road to extend so far easterly of the above line as the easterly side of the old road.
Just where?

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No. 3

Beginning at a stake bearing south fifty two degrees East from the northeasterly corner of the burying ground on the easterly side of the old road by the wall thence South thirteen degrees west ten rods and twenty links to a stake thence South five degrees West five rods and twenty links to a stake by the wall at the road-- the road to extend so far westerly of the above line a the westerly side of the old road.

Land taken from Capt. Amos Kimball thirty four rods and forty two rods & fifteen links of wall to move.

The sum allowed is $18.00

Which said roads is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Boxford this ninth day of Novr. 1835.

Amos Kimball) Selectmen
Moses Dorman Jr.) of
George W. Sawyer) Boxford.

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Voted to accept the above report.

Voted that it be left discretionary with the Selectmen to agree with Doct. J. T. Gilman Leach as it respects the price of five rods of land taken by the town for use of a public town way.

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At a Town Meeting held April 4, 1836.

Voted that a bill of charge presented by William H. Herrick for plank furnished by him for a bridge near Batchelder's mill $2.65.

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At a Town Meeting held September 15, 1836.

Voted
that the Selectmen be a Committee to petition the County Commissioners to grant a longer term of time for the working and completing the road recently located on petition of Josiah Kimball and others.

Voted
that the Selectmen be a Committee to cause said road to be worked according to the direction of the Commissioners.

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At a Town Meeting held November 14, 1836.

Voted
not to accept of road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Solomon Low & others.

Voted
To allow a bill of charge presented by John Day for services to oppose the road prayed for by Savory & Nelson $4.00

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At a Town Meeting held April 3, 1837.

Voted
that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the fordway bridge (so called) and report at the next meeting what in their opinion is the best method and probable expense of repairing said bridge.

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Voted
that a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman for his services as-------- and for service as one of the committee to contract for the working of the road near Solomon Spoffords and Capt. Simeon Coles and one of the committee to petition the County Commissioners to extend the time for working the road located on petition of Josiah Kimball and others. (Washington St.)

Note as of 1955.

Just when the east end of Washington St. from Spofford's to Uptack Rd. cor. of Washington (in Groveland) was built is not known. It does not show on the 1830 map.

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At a Town Meeting held April 24, 1837.

Voted
to accept the report of the Selectmen in regards to the fordway bridge (so called)
the Selectmens report not reduced to writing but state the probable expense twenty five or thirty dollars to repair said bridge.

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Voted
that the Selectmen be a committee to repair the fordway bridge (so called)

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At a Town Meeting held June 6, 1837.

Voted
*to discontinue a piece of a road near the house of Andrew Gould.

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At a Town Meeting held June 19, 1837

Voted
That a committee of one person be chosen by ballot to attend to such instructions as the town may judge proper in relation to the petition of Samuel Perley and others for new locating and widening a road leading from Andover as expressed in said petition.
Chose Phineas Barnes as a committee for the above purpose.

Voted
to instruct the committee or agent as above to use all fair and honorable means in opposing all new location on said petition of said Samuel Perley Jr and others above Rea's corner (so called)

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At a Town Meeting held November 13, 1837.

Voted
to accept the report of the Committee on fordway bridge (so called).
Schose the Selectmen a Committee to examine Fordway bridge and place the covering stones if they think it expedient.

Notes as of 1955

*Andrew Gould lived at the Robert Means' place on Middleton Rd. What was the section discontinued. Many curves and old paths in this section to Middleton line, so impossible to tell where the old road ran originally.

Voted
That the Selectmen direct the Surveyor to expend the amount of his tax list, on a certain piece of road crossing a pond hole between the meeting house and Daniel Gould's (Georgetown Rd.)

Voted
That the Selectmen be directed to rail such places on the Roads within town as they think dangerous the expense of which not to exceed 30$

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At a Town Meeting held November 13, 1838.

? Voted
to discontinue a short piece of way in front of the burying yard in the second parish in Boxford. (Brookside Cemetery was started in 1838. The Town Pound was on the easterly side of the present Main St. opposite Brookside Cemetery. So probably the road was straightened along by the cemetery. Not sure, but think it was set over away from the present cemetery.

Voted
to accept the way as now traveled and fenced leading from the old road to the house of Ephraim Cole. (Main St. It is said road originally went in front (back now) of the old Cole house. Old red house burned and white house in which Wm. Pratt lives replaced it in 1940s. Old house stood back to the road. See pg 108. Also 43.) (Old road layed out in 1797 to Cole's). (1830 Map does not show road from Cole's south to Maple Ave.)

Voted
To direct the Selectmen To locate a road from said Cole's house nearly as now travelled, southerly to the old road (Maple Ave.) leading by the house of Deborah Kimball* (Killam-Andersen place, though present house probably not on exact site of old one), the town to pay not exceeding seventy dollars, towards the expense of said road. (From Cole's or Pratt's (1955) to cor. Maple Ave. and Main St.)

Voted
To direct the selectmen to cause the bridge near Batchelder's mill to be covered with stone.

(Mill on east side of Herrick Rd. over little brook from Stetson Pond to Four Mile Pond.)

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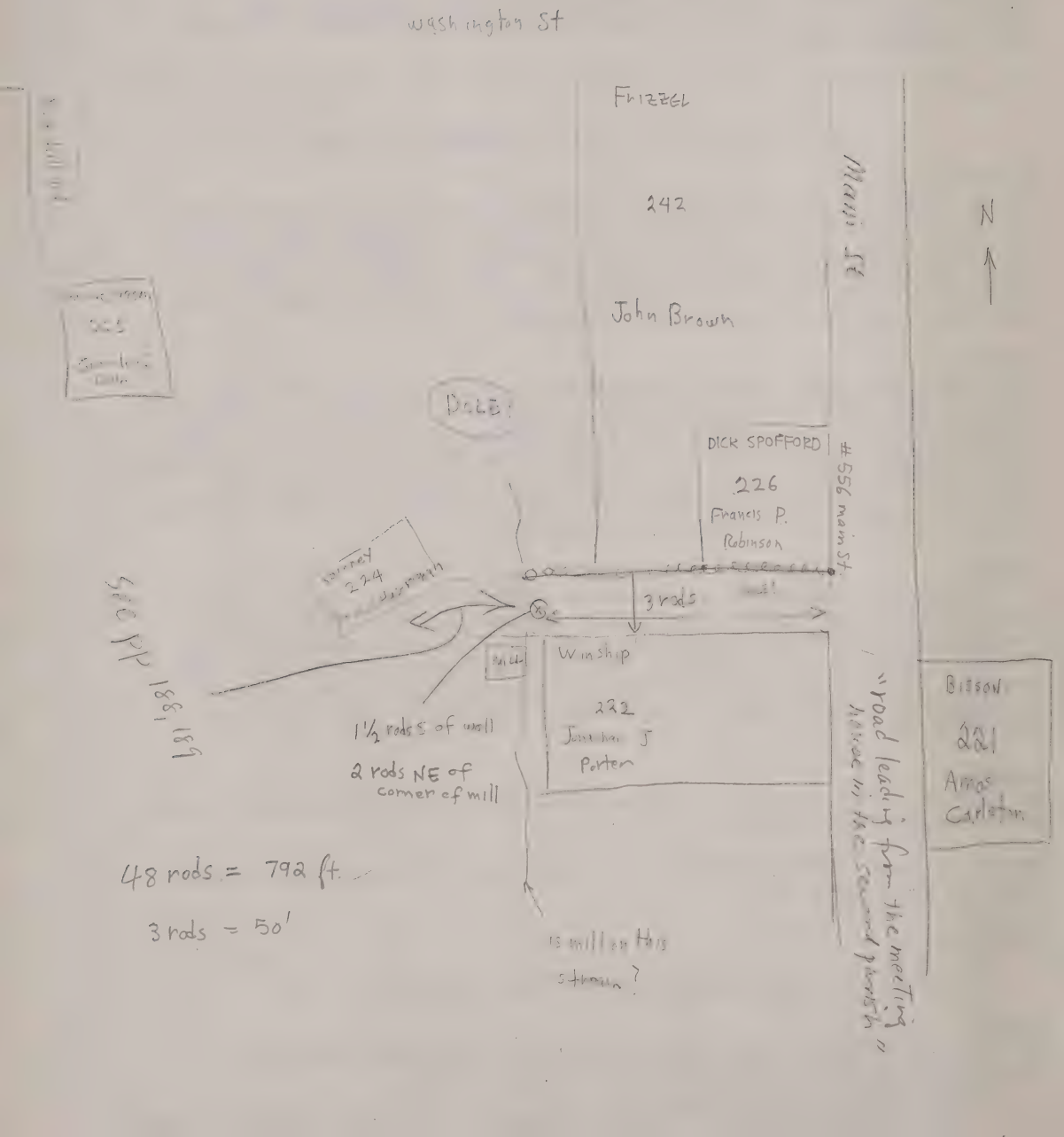
At a Town Meeting held July 15, 1839.

Voted
to build a bridge on the road between the houses of Daniel Gould and Elisha G. Bunker. (Georgetown Road)
Chose Samuel Perley Jr.)
John K. Cole)Committee to cause the same to be done.
Jacob Batchelder)

main to porter mill 4/6/40
porter mill to Harriman 4/5/41



Page 103. At a Town Meeting held November 11,1839.

Voted To choose a committee of three persons to advocate the road petitioned for by Solomon Low and others from the Town of Haverhill through Georgetown by the South Meeting House in Boxford and the South Village in Danvers, to Salem. Also throughthe village of Danvers plains to Salem, and to use all honorable means to obtain said road. (part of Elm St. in Boxford)

Chose Gen. Solomon Low)
Joshua T. Day and) Committee.
Maj. Samuel Perley)

Page 106. At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1840.

Voted to establish and confirm a road laid out by the Selectmen, on petition of Jonathan J. Porter and others, commencing at a stake, at the corner of the wall between land of Francis F. Robinson and Greenleaf Dole on the road leading from the meeting house in the second parish in Boxford, by the house of Amos Carleton, thence westerly by the wall between land of sail Dole and land of F. F. Robinson and land of John Brown to a stake at the southeast corner of John Brown's land, thence on the same course by the wall between said Dole's field and pasture to a stake by said wall about eight rods from Porter's mill, thence to a stake 1 1/2 rods south of said wall and two rods northeasr of the corner ofsaid mill, said roadis laid out three rods wid on the south side of said line which is forty eight rods in length.

Notes as of 1955

Jonathan Porter lived at the Petitjean place on Brook Rd., West Boxford
Brook Road from Main St. to site of Porter's Mill.
Greenleaf Dole lived at the Ruby Nason place.
Francis Srofford lived at Spofford place on Main St. near cor. of Brook Road.
Amos Carleton lived at the Pearl-Damans place on Main St., West Boxford.
John Brown kept the store in West Boxford. Not sure of site bu think it may have been the store which the Chadwicks had opposite the present Fryer store in West Boxford.

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At a Town Meeting held April 18, 1840.

Voted
To direct the Selectmen to widen the road leading from *Wid. Ruth Barker to the junction of the Pearl road or such part as they think proper and lay their doings before the town for their acceptance.
(Glendale Rd.) (Pearl Rd. was Main St.)

Voted. On Fuller Lane.
To direct the Select men to confer with the Selectmen of Topsfield on the subject of building a stone bridge over Fish Brook near Andrew Gould's and report at annual meeting in November next.

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At a Town Meeting held November 9, 1840.

Voted
To Submit to the Selectmen to compensate Greenleaf Dole for damages sustained by the location of the road through his land to Porter's mill as accepted by the town April 6, 1840. (Brook Rd.)

Voted
That the Selectmen make such repairs on the bridge near Andrew Gould's as they think it needs for the present.

Voted
To accept the doings of the Selectmen in widening the road leading from Porter's brook to Wid. Ruth Barker's.
(Glendale Rd.)

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At a Town Meeting held April 5, 1841.

Voted
To choose a committee of three persons to examine Fish brook bridge and repair or rebuild same with wood as they may think best.
Chose Benjamin Peabody)
Andrew Gould) Committee.
George W. Sawyer)

Voted
To accept the doings of the Selectmen in widening the road from the potter road (so called) by the house of Rev. Peter Eaton to Andrew's corner on petition of Benjn. Robinson Jr. and others and cause the same to be established and confirmed.
(Washington St.)

Notes as of 1955

*Widow Ruth Barker undoubtedly liv d at the Hubbard-Foster-Lewis

Notes as of 1955 continued

place on (Ipswich Rd) Dale Street in North Andover.
James M. Hubbard married Lydia Barker Dec. 9, 1834.
Lydia was the daughter of Joshua and Ruth (Bradley) Barker, and was born Feb. 6, 1812. Ruth Barker referred to in above Road record.

Potter Rd. was the road to Frost's in North Andover, off Washington St. east of Clinton Nason's house.

Andrew's Corner was at cor. Essex and Washington Streets.

nb: ⇒

Hammer → Spinney for
responsibility to maintain
dam

Voted
To accept the doings of the Selectmen in locating the road petitioned for by Daniel Harriman on condition that the town pay seventy five dollars, to Daniel Harriman and Jonathan J. Porter and they make the road and free the town any expense on the dam hereafter. (Brook St.)

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Voted
To refer the case of John Brown respecting the road in front of his store to the Selectmen for to settle with him as they shall think best. (MAIN ST [illegible])

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 15, 1841.

Voted
to choose a Committee of two to answer to and defend the town, at the Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Newbury Port on the third Monday of Sept. inst. against an action on an indictment charging them with not keeping in repair a certain highway as set forth at large in said indictment.
Chose Joshua T. Day) Committee.
Benjamin Peabody)

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At a Town Meeting held April 4, 1842

Voted
Not to discontinue the Chapman road (so called) as a public highway. (Chapman Lane) Discontinued March 1, 1847

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At a Town Meeting held November 14, 1842.

Voted
That the town take legal measures by action or otherwise to recover of Joseph Foster, the amount of fine and costs of prosecution, Paid by the Town for a deficiency in the ways, in the District of which he was Surveyor in 1841 & 2.

Chose
Moses Dorman Jr Samuel W. Clement and George Pearl as a Committee, to take legal measures by action or otherwise to recover of Joseph Foster, the amount of fine, and costs of prosecution, paid by

the Town for a deficiency in the ways in the District of which he was Surveyor in 1841 & 2.

Voted
To add one person to the Committee chosen for the purpose mentioned above.
Chose Joshua T. Day as an additional member of the above mentioned Committee.

Voted
*To allow Daniel Andrews the sum of ten dollars, to be expended in drawing stones to build a bridge over the brook next westerly of the house of the heirs of Moses Gould. (Lockwood Lane)

Voted
to allow /N. J. Lord's bill of twenty dollars for advice retained and services on the trial of an indictment against the Town for deficiency in the highways $20.00

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At a Town Meeting held February 13, 1843.

Voted
To choose a Committee consisting of three persons, to examine the road Petitioned for by Daniel Harriman, the committee to report at the annual Meeting in April.
Chose Joshua T. Day)
Solomon Low) Committee for
Andrew Gould) the above purpose.

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At a Town Meeting held April 24, 1843.

Voted
to accept the report of the Committee chosen by the town to examine the road from Porter's Mill to Daniel Harriman's house. (Brook Road)

The Subscribers having been chosen a Committee to examine the road from Porter's Mill to Daniel Harriman's house, have attended to their duty, and submit the following report.
They find the road in an unfinished condition, and recommend that the Selectmen be directed to draw an order of seventy five dollars in favor of Daniel Harriman when he shall have made the

Note as of 1955

Daniel Andrews lived at Dunbar Lockwood place on Lockwood Lane.
Moses Gould lived at the old house that stood just left of Dimon Lockwood's driveway on Lockwood Lane. (House torn down)

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road to their acceptance, on condition, that Jonathan J. Porter give Bonds to the town, to keep up the walls of the dam, keep the flooms in repair, and repair any damage occasioned by water.

Boxford April 24th 1843.

Joshua T. Day)
Solomon Low) Committee
Andrew Gould)

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At a Town Meeting held Nov. 13, 1843.

Voted Brook Road
to allow a bill of charge presented by Daniel Harriman To
widening the dam at Porter's Mill $50.00
To land, fencing, and making the
road, from said Mill to my house 25.00
$75.00
on condition that Jonathan J. Porter give a Bond to the town, and to be lodged with the Selectmen, and executed to their acceptance, to indemnify the town against any damage occasioned by the overflowing of water at his dam.

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 9, 1844.

Voted
to choose a Committee to act at discretion in accordance with the order of the County Commissioners in regard to the making the road widened on the petitioned of Jacob Farnham & others leading from near the school house of the fourth school District in Boxford by the house of A.A.W. Lake to Rowley.

Chose as the Committee

Moses Dorman Jr.
Samuel Perley Jr.
Wm. R. Kimball

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At a Town Meeting held April 6, 1846.

Voted
That the Selectmen view the road complained of near the Georgetown line and see if any improvement can be made and if so, to direct the surveyor to make such improvement as they shall think proper.

At a Town Meeting held April 20, 1846.

Voted
that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the making of the road near Rea's Corner located on petition of Samuel Kimball and others, to the lowest bidder, and to see that said road is made in workman like manner. Lawrence Rd. See pg. 138

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Voted Valley Rd.
#to accept the doings of the selectmen in widening the road leading by the house of Leonard Carleton to the school house of the fifth school district in Boxford (on petition of Samuel B. Carleton and others) in words following viz.

We the subscribers selectmen of the town of Boxford have widened and straightened for the use of said town a town way as follows:

Beginning at a stake by the wall on the westerly side of the Haverhill road at a point easterly of a large swamp oak tree opposite the barn of Isaac Adams, thence running S 21½° West 2 rods to a stake thence S 42½° W 2 rods to a stake thence S 69° W 18 rods to a stake thence S 61° W 10 r. 16 l to a stake in the road by the wall, the road to be and extend three rods southeasterly of the aforesaid lines and so much farther as the easterly side of the old road now is. Then commence No. 2 at a stake bearing S 18° E 3 rods distant from the last named stake which stake is on the easterly side of a partition wall between lands of Isaac Adams, thence running S 57° W 30 rod- 09 links to a stake by a wall at the southwesterly end of a field, thence S 59° W 19 rods to (Road by Leonard Carleton's)

Notes as of 1955

Isaac Adams' place was the present Jerome Cross property, (Valley Rd.)
Leonard and Samuel Carleton lived where the Youngs now live on " "
District #5 School House was at cor. Ipswich and Valley Rds.
There is a marker on the site.
Abigail Gragg lived on the old Fagen place on Valley Rd.
Deacon Charles Foster and Jonathan Foster lived at Foster-Stecker house on Ipswich Rd.
Samuel Fowler lived at the Stephen Fowler-Dick-Woodbury place
Moses Kimball " " " old Kimball-Chandler place. The present house of Fred Shaw (Built by John Chandler after the fire) is on the same site.

a stake, thence S 63° W 16 rods to a stake in the road near a pitch pine tree, the road to extend three rods northwesterly of the above lines and so much further as the northwesterly side of the old road now is; Thence commence No 3 beginning at a stake in land of Abigail Gragg bearing N 39° W 3 rods from the last named stake thence running S 68½° W 19 rods to a stake in the road three feet easterly of the southerly corner of a garden belonging to Abigail Gragg the road to extend three rods southeasterly of the last named distance and where the old road extends more than three rods southeasterly, to the southeasterly side of the same, then commence No. 4 beginning at a stake in land of Abigail Gragg bearing S 23½° E 3 rods distant from the last stake thence running S 77° W 7 rod - 08 Links to the north corner of the barn of Abigail Gragg, thence S 61° W 9 rods to a stake in land of Deacon Charles Foster thence S 51° W 8 rod 15 Links to a pitch pine tree marked thence S 45° W 8 rods to a stake standing on the southerly side of a stump, thence S 25½° W 8 r. 08 links to a stake thence S 39° W 6 r. 19 l to a dead white pine tree, thence S 19° W 5 r. 03 l to a stake, thence S 6° E 5 R. 10 L to a stake, thence S 2° E 16 r. 20 L to a stake at the northerly corner of land of Jonathan Foster, thence S 15° W 4 r. 22 l to a stake in the road thence S 45½° W 5 rods to a stake by the wall thence S 52½° W 7r. 15 L to a stake thence S 39½° W 7 . 12 to stake by the wall at the pine hill, thence S 31½° W 6 rods to a stake by a pine stump, thence S 18½° W 6. 04 to a stake near a pitch pine, thence S 7° W 7. 20 to a stake near a pitch pine tree, thence S 4½° E 6. 03 to a stake in land of Jonathan Foster, the road to extend so far Westerly of all the distances in No 4 as the westerly side of the old road now is.

No 5 Commencing at the last named stake thence running S 8° E 12 rods to a stake near the north post of a gap at Samuel Fowlers lane, thence S 24° W 10. 20 to a stake by the wall in the old road, thence S 35° W 32 rods to a stake in the field, thence

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(Road by Leonard Carletons)

S 31½° W 14 rods to a stake, thence S 15° W 11. 23 to a stake in the road by a white birch marked thence S 5° E 10. 15 to a stake in the road by the wall, thence S 56° west 6 rods to a stake in the road by the wall, thence S 47° W 9 rods to a stake in the road by the wall, thence S 57° W 8 rods to a stake on the northerly side of a ditch in land of Jonathan Foster, thence S 50° W 9 rods to a stake in the road by the wall which stake bears S 72° E 4. 2[illegible] from the south corner of the school house in the fifth school district, the road to extend three rods westerly of all the distances in No 5 and so much further as the westerly side of the old road now extends.

And we have awarded to the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damage as follows

To Isaac Adams Forty four dollars fifty nine cents,
" Samuel B. Carleton Two dollars seventy five cents,
" Abigail Gragg Twenty seven dollars thirty one cents,
" Charles Foster, Sixteen dollars eighty cents,
" Jonathan Foster) Six dollars thirty eight cents,
" Wid. Elizabeth Kimball)
" Samuel Fowler Twelve dollars forty cents
" Jonathan Foster Seventy nine dollars twenty three cents
" Moses Kimball Twelve dollars fifty seven cents

The total amount of damage being two hundred and two dollars and three cents to be paid by the said town of Boxford when the wood and fences shall be removed And we allowed the several owners of land aforesaid fourteen months from the date hereof to take off the standing wood and remove their fences. Which road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way, with the boundaries and admeasurements before named

Dated at Boxford this 28th day of March in the year 1846.

Joshua T. Day) Selectmen
Wm. H. Herrick) of
Ancill Dorman) Boxford.

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Voted
That the Selectmen be instructed to defend the Town against tho indictment of the road near Georgetown line provided said indictment shall not be settled or abated.

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At a Town Meeting held May 4, 1846.

It was put to vote to see if the Town will instruct their Committee to withdraw their action vs. Joseph Foster and it passed in the negative fifteen to seven.

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At a Town Meeting held Feb. 15, 1847.

Voted Barker Rd.
to choose a committee to oppose the cutting down of the hills near the Barkers farm and at Andover line or new locating around them as prayed for by Samuel Jenkins and others-

Voted
that the Committee consist of three persons and that they be chosen by ballot.
Chose Moses Dorman Jr. declined serving
Josiah Kimball declined serving
Samuel Perley Jr.) Committee for the
Benjamin Peabody) above purpose
Simeon Pearl)

Voted Lake Shore Rd.
that a committee of three persons be chosen to let out the working of the road recently widened by the County Commissioners *near the house of Elijah Stiles to the lowest bidder.
Chose Benjamin Peabody) Committee
George Pearl) for the above
Joshua T. Day) purpose.

(The 1830 map does not show Lake Shore Rd. from jct. of Oak Ridge Rd. to Groveland line.) omission
The 1775 map shows Lake Shore Rd. from jct. Oak Ridge Rd to Groveland Line as it does now. laid out before 1775.
*Elijah Stiles lived at Boxford end of Johnson Pond.

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At a Town Meeting held April 5, 1847.

Barker Rd.

It was put to vote to see if the Town would discharge their Committee chosen to oppose the petition of Samuel Jenkins and others for the road by the house of John Day & the Barker farm from further service and it passed in the negative.

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At a Town Meeting held April 19, 1847.

Voted
To allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman Jr. for services as one of the committee to see to the making of the road near Blackburns Factory $2.25 (Lawrence Rd.)

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Voted
To allow bill of charge presented by G. D. Varney & I. P. Frothingham for surveying casting contents & making plans for reducing the Hills as prayed for by Samuel Jenkins and others, $25.00

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At a Town Meeting held May 3, 1847.

Voted
Fifteen to nine not to stop the action and discharge the Committee in the case Town of Boxford vs. Foster.

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Voted
That the Selectmen be instructed to meet the County Commissioners on the road prayed for by Daniel Andrews and others & act as they may think expedient for the Town.

June 4, 1847 "The County Commissioners ordered repairs on the road from Morse's Corner* in Bradford to Barker's farm, past John Days in Boxford. (Lily Pond and Barker Rds.) See copy of order among deeds of Samuel Perley Jr."

J.W.Parkhurst, Town Clerk

* Morse's Corner is in South Groveland. Road from there to North Andover line via Barker Rd. By Chadwick Pond past Deacon John Day's or John T. Chadwick, Jr.- Barrows place up the Hill to No. Andover Line. (Far Corner Golf Club)

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At a Town Meeting held June 16, 1847.

Voted
To choose a committee of three persons to see to the working of the road ordered to be rewrought by the County Commissioners (on petition of Samuel Jenkins and others) from Morses Corner in Bradford to Andover by the Barker farm, agreeably to the order of the County Commissioners.

Voted
That this Committee be chosen by nomination.
Chose Samuel Perley Jr.) Committee
Isaac W. Andrew) for said purpose
Josiah Kimball)

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At a Town Meeting held Sept. 13, 1847.

Voted
That the Selectmen dispose of the working of the roads located & widened by the County Commissioners on petitions of Jesse Kimball & others, and Daniel Andrews & others, in such manner as they may think will be for the best interest of the Town (Probably Brook View and Lawrence Rds. J.W.P.)

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At a Town Meeting held March 13, 1848.

Voted
To allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman Jr. for services as one of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, for the municipal year 1847, Ordinary services, and cash paid for goods & postage, and two journeys to Ipswich, to pay bills at House of Correction, And two journeys to Salem to settle cost of suit VS. Joseph Foster and to pay N. J. Lord for services in said case, $34.08

Voted
To allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman Jr. for services as one of a Committee to let out the working of the *road near Blackburns Factory*, and making notices examining and measuring the road when worked, for services as one of the Committee on the road prayed for by Daniel Andrews.----------

*Blackburn's Factory was old mill building on the site of the old Match Factory torn down about 1907 and now owned by ~~Earle ---~~ Newton, on Lawrence Rd.

Dr. John Howard, 1973.

At a Town Meeting held March 5, 1849.

Voted
To accept the report of the Selectmen relative to widening or altering the road at the Fordway corner (so called) on petition of Henry A. Towne and others in words following viz.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Boxford have laid out for the use of the Inhabitants of said Boxford (on petition of *Henry A. Towne and others) a Town way as follows Beginning at a stake on the south side of the Andover road bearing N 87½° W 2 rods 24 links from the southwesterly corner of David Dwinnell's Shop, thence north 60° W 2 rods 14 links to stake thence N 63½ W 2 r 11 links to a stake thence N 80 W 2 rods 12 links to a stake thence N 88½° W 2 R 8 L to a stake by the wall on the East side of the Fordway road (so called) being through land of the heirs of Samuel Dale Deceased, said way to extend 3 rods northerly of the above described line- And we have assessed the damages as follows To Betsy Dale & Herbert A. Dale the sum of ten dollars to be paid when the land shall have been entered upon & possession taken for the purpose of constructing the road.
And we have allowed three months to the owners of the land to remove the fences thereon which road we hereby report to the Town for Acceptance.

Dated at Boxford this 23d day of Feb. A.D. 1849

Moses Dorman Jr.) Selectmen
George Pearl) of
William R. Cole) Boxford.

Note as of 1955

*Change of Towne Road at junction of Main St. by Ledges.
Henry A. Towne lived at the Donnan place. Towne Rd. is now dead end at Donnan's.
The Dales lived at the Twisden-Baer place.
Since the 1830 map does not show the road on the south side of the triangle at the Ledge (from the Fordway Bridge up the hill to Main St. and Boxford Village), the original Towne Rd. must have been from Towne Rd. to Main St. toward the north and Andover and West Boxford.)
David Dwinnell's Shop stood about where the cellar hole is now visible in John Baer's field, near jct. of Towne Rd. and Main St. going toward Village. Albert Towne's Shop in later years was in the pasture near jct. of Towne Rd. and Main St. North. Dwinnell's Shop may have been in field farther along on Main St.

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At a Town Meeting held August 19, 1851.

Voted
To expend the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to repair the road leading from the corner at the house of Josiah Kimball to Georgetown line, near the house of Gideon Baker.
(1830 Map does not show Georgetown Rd. from Ipswich Rd. to the Georgetown line.)

Voted
to choose a Committee of two persons to see the above sum properly laid out.
Chose Dean Andrews)
Samuel Perley) Committee

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At a Town Meeting held August 29, 1853.

Voted
To Choose a Committee of three to meet the Commissioners and advocate the widening straightning and new locating of the road *prayed for by Jacob Peabody and others.
Chose Solomon Low)
Samuel Kimball) Committee
Jefferson Kimball)

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At a Town Meeting held March 5, 1855.

Voted
That the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the making of the roads recently widened by the County Commissioners (on petition of Oliver P. Killam & Jacob Peabody) in sections as they may think proper. (here? Oliver P. Killam lived at Killam-Andersen place on Maple Ave.)

Voted
That Dean Andrews be added to this Committee
" Moses Dorman " " " " " "

Notes as of 1955

*Jacob Peabody lived at the Milton E. Lord place. Where was the change in road? On Main St. or somewhere else in town?

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At a Town Meeting held March 19, 1855.

Moses Dorman declined serving as Committee to let out the making of the roads recently widened by the County Commissioners on petition of Oliver P. Killam & Jacob Peabody.

Chose Ephraim F. Cole Committee to let out the making of the roads instead of Moses Dorman declined. — MAIN ST (B

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At a Town Meeting held March 10, 1856.

Voted
To allow a bill of charge presented by Dean Andrews for labor done on the stone brid ge near their mill $35.75

Also for labor done on stone bridge near Thomas Sawyer's 53.75

Also for labor done on fordway bridge 50.00

Total $ 139.50

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At a Town Meeting held March 5, 1855.

Voted
That the Selectmen, Dean Andrews & Moses Dorman be a Committee to repair the Bridges damaged by the late freshet.

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(Ephr Foster willed all BOSFORD RE to Ephr. Cole. (HARRY L. Cole)